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Military frees airspace to cut flights chaos

Continent set to join sky-clearance plan

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

More than 6,000 square miles of British airspace now reserved for military flying are to be released to civilian use in an attempt to ease the congestion in Britain's crowded airways.

Vast areas of north Yorkshire, north Wales and the Bristol Channel are being made available for passenger-carrying aircraft after detailed negotiations between military and civilian air traffic control chiefs.

It is also planned to change the shape of two big naval training areas off the Isle of Wight — which have until now forced commercial aircraft into a single, narrow airway rather like a motorway contra-

flow system — to give air traffic controllers more than 13 miles more airspace to work in.

The number of flights which can be handled could then be increased.

Before this can happen, however, the French air traffic system will have to be changed to take account of the wider airway, and urgent talks are now under way with French civil aviation authorities to

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implement the changes to ease congestion on the especially busy routes towards the south-west of Europe

The Ministry of Defence now has sole rights to use about 4.5 per cent of the airspace over Britain either as training areas or as designated danger areas where live firing of missiles and rockets can take place without endangering civilian traffic.

Over mainland Europe the problem is even greater, with huge parts of Germany out of bounds to civilians and airlines being forced to make detours and to fly through a number of highly congested "choke points".

Civil air traffic controllers and airlines throughout Europe have long argued that far more airspace should be made available to passenger aircraft and have pressed for an urgent review of military airspace use.

Now they believe they have made a vital breakthrough and expect large areas of Italian and German airspace to be handed over to them from this weekend in time to help cope with one of the busiest weekends of the year.

Although the Italian Air Force has formally agreed to free part of the airspace around Rome, the Germans are still arguing that they cannot allow more civilian flights in what they regard as Nato's "front line", and negotiations are still going on involving Nato, air traffic controllers and the German national airline Lufthansa.

A spokesman for the Geneva-based International Air Transport Association said last night: "The military are now beginning to cooperate with us and showing that they understand our problems. They are now prepared to move over the bed a bit and allow us a bit more room, although we would like even more."

In Britain the discussions have been going on in a series of joint military-civilian committees for nearly three years and have recently achieved remarkable results. A report about to be published by the Civil Aviation Authority will show that in that time the Ministry of Defence has agreed to give up 13 danger areas around the country and reduce the hours in which a further 39 are closed to civilian traffic.

Talks are continuing on releasing a further six training areas for military use, and even more areas are expected to be opened up soon.

The biggest military "giveaway" is the vast north Yorkshire training area extending from South Shields to Carlisle in a huge oblong extending south towards Leeds. Throughout the entire area civilian aircraft have until now been told to keep out of the upper airspace between 24,500ft and 35,000ft, forcing airlines to fly lower than they wished and preventing air traffic controllers from slotting more aircraft into the busy route north towards America.

Now they will be able to use as much of the airspace as they wish except on specific days, when the military closes off the area for a particular exercise.

The RAF has also agreed to limit the amount of sky needed by its Hawk training squadrons operating from RAF Valley in Anglesey, enabling aircraft leaving Manchester to climb directly into the upper airspace on their way to holiday destinations throughout Europe rather than be restricted to low level routes only over north Wales.

Much of the Bristol Channel, until now virtually a no-go area for many commercial aircraft because of military training from RAF Brawdy, is being released, and it is hoped that two big naval flying training areas off the south coast will also be reduced

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Five million biological specimens could rot away in British museums because of underfunding, a report by the Museums Association says.

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At 88, the Queen of grace

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother greeting wellwishers who gathered outside Clarence House yesterday to cheer her on her 88th birthday (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

A poem for royal birthday

By Alan Hamilton

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrated her 88th birthday in time-honoured fashion yesterday by appearing at the gates of Clarence House and bestowing on the waiting crowd her particular talent of the common touch.

Her admirers, of whom there are a great many, had been waiting since dawn. They were rewarded at noon by an appearance of that indefinable quality, which is best described as grace. The Queen Mother, a higher master of public relations even than those who advise the Prime Minister, moved easily among the crowd of hundreds, who always assemble on her birthday, and seemed to have a smile for them all.

She spent more than 15

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Security dispute intensifies as Thatcher calls off walkabout

From Robin Oakley, Sydney

Police and Downing Street officials agreed yesterday to cancel a planned walkabout in Sydney by Mrs Thatcher, after the chaotic scenes in Melbourne the previous day when she was jostled by crowds of shouting demonstrators.

But the dispute between Mrs Thatcher's officials and the Victoria state police, who were responsible for the security breakdown in Melbourne, intensified.

The Sydney walkabout was cancelled after advice from the New South Wales police in the wake of the Melbourne incident. They said that they could cope but that large numbers of men would be required.

A Downing Street official said of the cancelled walkabout: "It was going to be more trouble than it was worth. The Prime Minister would not meet the public."

Mr Nick Greiner, the state Premier, said that there were some obvious security problems in a shopping centre that Mrs Thatcher had been due to visit, and that was why the walkabout had been cancelled.

People were entitled to protest, but they ought to do it in a sensible way. He described the Melbourne incident as "unedifying".

There was a strange twist to the dispute over the Melbourne affair, which is the subject of an internal police inquiry in Victoria.

A Sydney television station reported Mr Frank Green, the Assistant Commissioner of Police responsible for security in Melbourne, as saying that he had received a note of thanks from the Prime Minister. He said: "She said she realized that she had caused us a few problems but said, 'They can't stop us from going around, can they?' And they can't."

Mr Green admitted that, for a moment, "it was hairy". He said that, given the experience again, he would do things differently, including calling in more police.

But he maintained: "The media contingent in front of the Prime Minister was our main problem."

Mr Green also claimed that he had advised against the walkabout route chosen by the Thatcher party, but his plans had been dismissed by British officials.

But Downing Street sources were emphatic that Mr Green had played no part in the reconnoitring discussions and that they had received no advice against using the route chosen.

They insisted that no letter of thanks had been sent to Mr Green, though one possible source of confusion was that Mrs Thatcher did thank some police officers on leaving Melbourne airport for their efforts to protect her.

In further television inter-

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MPs back Prime Minister on nuclear arms control caution

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister's repeated insistence on caution and vigilance in the wake of last December's historic superpower agreement to eliminate intermediate nuclear weapons was firmly endorsed yesterday by an all-party Commons committee.

The influential Foreign Affairs select committee issued a warning of significant political pitfalls ahead for Nato and said it was trying to inject an element of realism into the public debate on arms control.

The MPs, in a sobering report, acknowledged that, under Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet Union had portrayed itself as reasonable and peace-seeking.

However, they said that public statements by Soviet officials were not matched by the positions they adopted at the negotiating table, and that there had been no change in the pattern of the Soviet Union's military procurement and deployment programme.

Mr Gorbachov and the INF treaty had generated a wave of optimism in the West. Nato had to damp down expectations. It had to convince the public that negotiations towards arms control would be "increasingly difficult", and that, in the meantime, there should be no slackening of Nato defences.

The INF treaty could lead to more not less defence expenditure as conventional forces were strengthened. Reductions in nuclear missiles were likely to be smaller than anticipated

Foreign Office sources welcomed the report as an effective counter to the "incautious" welcome that had been given to recent changes of attitude in the Soviet Union. These changes were as

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yet "perceived" rather than "verified".

Mr David Howell, Conservative chairman of the committee, said: "If expectations are raised too high and it is assumed that in the era of Mr Gorbachov the whole process (of arms control) can go rattling forward at great speed... then that is dangerous over-optimism and can lead to great disappointment".

In tone, though not in all details, the report reinforces the stance adopted by Mrs Thatcher and Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, in statements since the INF treaty. Both have constantly asserted that it was Nato firmness that led to the treaty, and have insisted that reducing the Soviet Union's huge superiority in conventional and chemical weapons is a prerequisite of further progress.

However, the committee also implicitly questions the wisdom of some stances adopted by Mrs Thatcher. The Prime Minister is determined that Nato's short-range nuclear weapons should be modernized in the wake of the INF treaty. The MPs acknowledge genuine concern over this in West Germany and say that the issue has to be handled "with great sensitivity".

Electricity prices may rise by 5pc

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Electricity prices are likely to rise again next April in the run-up to privatization. An 8 per cent rise was announced last April and next year's could be about 5 per cent.

The Electricity Council reported yesterday that it had met government financial targets for the past three years without rises, but now accepted that it would have to raise prices to continue to meet the norm for nationalized industry profits.

Overall the industry met its government targets for the year 1987-88, but the generating side reported reduced profits because of higher costs in running nuclear power stations.

The industry reported profits of £865 million before tax and £154.6 million after tax.

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Two workmen die in Ulster ambush

By Mark Whittet and Andrew Moger

The upsurge in violence in Northern Ireland continued last night with the killing of two men in Belleek, Co Fermanagh. They were ambushed with automatic weapons within sight of an RUC police station, some 300 yards from the border with the Republic.

Four gunmen carrying rifles stepped out from a behind a wall in front of a van as it carried workmen home to the small Belleek village and poured a volley of shots into the vehicle. Two men — one a Protestant — died instantly.

The reason for the attack was unclear, but it was understood the men were working on a building project at the local police station. Recently, the IRA has warned construction companies against taking on such contracts.

One of the first people on the scene, a crossroads in the middle of the village, was a local physician, Dr Eugene Deeny, who said: "The two men must have been killed on the spot. I heard a large number of shots — it must have been at least 50 — before I got to the scene.

"It was a picture of butchery. They had multiple bullet wounds to their heads and chest."

The RUC and the Garda last night launched a manhunt on both sides of the border.

● **Book bomb:** A parcel bomb was received yesterday at the constituency office of the Rev William McCrae, Democratic Unionist MP for Mid-Ulster.

Book-sized and bearing a Dublin postmark, it was opened by his private secretary, Mr Rodney Mitchell, and was later destroyed by the Army with a small controlled charge.

The RUC then warned members of the Ulster public to be on their guard when examining and opening their post.

Labour attack on Militant bastion

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour Party's battle against the Militant Tendency is about to flare again with rule changes going before the autumn conference designed to crush its last bastion of organized influence, the Young Socialists.

The YS, long regarded as a Militant-front organization, is to have its power base weakened under proposals giving more weight to the National Organization of Labour Students and young members of leading trade unions.

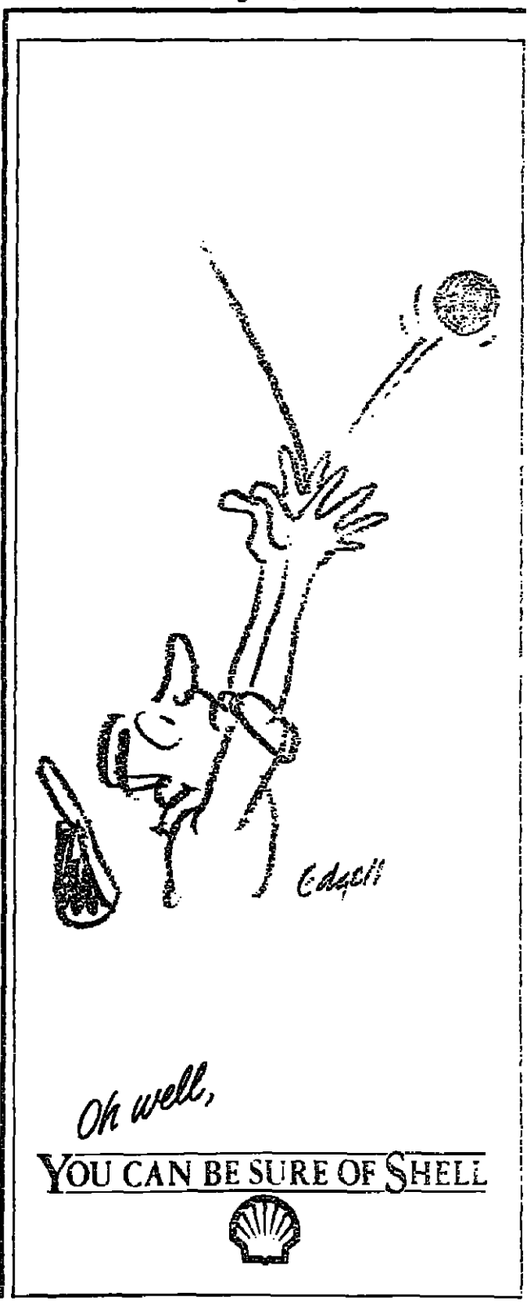
And the YS is to lose its right to elect a member to serve on Labour's ruling national executive. Instead a new National Youth Conference, made up of a cross-section of young Labour activists, will elect the NEC member. In recent years the YS nominee has been a Militant supporter, giving the tendency a vital foothold in Labour's policy and organization machine.

Militant pledged last night to stop the changes at the October conference in Blackpool. A spokesman said: "These changes are clearly aimed at limiting the influence of Militant among young people. But they will work no more than the efforts of the Labour leadership to limit our influence in Liverpool have worked. We are stronger than ever in Liverpool, and this latest attack on us will eventually make us strong among young people in the Labour Party."

The new rule changes mark the second stage of Labour's assault on Militant within the Young Socialists.

The last conference agreed changes to the regional organization of the Young Socialists, by creating regional youth campaigns committees and breaking Militant's regional power.

"Militant is gradually being swept aside," a senior Labour figure said yesterday.



The highly-paid 'custody' of Red Square pilot

From John England
Bonn

West Germans waiting for Herr Mathias Rust's personal story of his derring-do flight to Red Square in Moscow will have to be patient.

Herr Rust, aged 20, was flown back to West Germany on Wednesday after being pardoned and freed by the Russians from a four-year labour camp sentence for his stunt. But he was yesterday in another, albeit more lucrative, form of custody — at a secret hiding place known only to the weekly magazine, *Stern*.

The magazine, through Herr Rust's parents, Herr Karl-Heinz and Frau Monika Rust, bought world rights to his story within a few hours of his landing near the Kremlin walls on May 28 last year. It will begin to reveal all on Monday in an exclusive series.

It is reported to have paid the Rust family more than £300,000 for its coup. But it is bound to show a profit from world sales of serialization, book and film rights. *Stern's* syndication department said yesterday that British rights to the story had already been sold, although it would not say to whom and for how much. Hollywood film agents are also said to be rushing to sign up Herr Rust for an epic on his aerial adventure, with one bid said to be at least $100,000 (£57,000).

But the newly-rich young man, meanwhile, faces possible West German legal action over his flight, despite his pardon by the Russians. The public prosecutor's office in Itzehoe, near Hamburg, says an investigation which it began in June last year will continue.

Allegations against Herr Rust include suspected endangering of air traffic and fraud. The latter count is in connection with his hiring of the Cessna 172 from the Hamburg Aero Club for a tour of a "few days".

The Civil Aviation Authority in Hamburg says it will also question Herr Rust about his flight to help it decide whether he will be allowed to keep his private pilot's licence.

Stern came out yesterday without a word about Herr Rust because the Russians, inconveniently, freed him too late for even its notably agile editors. But its representatives, some of whom are believed to have flown with Herr Rust

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Herr Rust: Taken to a secret hide-away by journalists

NEWS ROUNDUP

Tax dispute over street car races

A valuation court was asked to decide yesterday whether roads in Birmingham used for Britain's first Monaco-style car racing are liable for a £30,000 rates bill.

Birmingham City Council objected to an Inland Revenue decision that the 2.47 mile circuit for its two-day Super Prix ceased to be a public highway during the August Bank holiday event. Officials said the street racing would be jeopardized if the council had to pay a rate demand of more than £100,000 to cover the event since it started in 1986.

The Inland Revenue told the Birmingham Valuation Court that the streets used by Formula 3,000 cars were liable for rating because they were closed to the public, who were charged for admission.

Mr Bryan Burgin, district valuation officer for the Inland Revenue, said: "Highways cannot be subject to rateable values, but these roads are being used for something else which is beneficial".

The court will give its decision next Wednesday.

Smoke risk study

Babies of mothers who smoke are nearly twice as likely to require urgent hospital care as children of non-smoking mothers, a survey by Tameside and Glossop Health Authority in Manchester has found. The study compared 50 babies who were urgent admissions to hospital with 100 babies who were non-urgent admissions."The link with smoking by their mothers was clear", Dr Tony Edgar, specialist in community medicine, said. "The most important action young mothers can take is to keep clear of cigarettes."

Africar written off

The project to build a plywood rival to the Land Rover, called Africar, for use in the Third World has floundered following development difficulties. The company has laid off its 50 workers and its factory has been re-possessed. Lancaster City Council will attempt to recover some of the £100,000 of loans it provided. Production of the car, which received national publicity when the project's founder, Mr Anthony Howarth, made four TV programmes documenting a 10,000 mile trek to prove its durability, was to have started over 12 months ago.

Deposit plan attacked

A Government plan to charge a £150 deposit before cases can be taken to industrial tribunals will lead to "cheque book justice", according to the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux. The Association's director, Elizabeth Filkin, said that, if enacted, "the proposals would seriously erode the original intention of these tribunals as a cheap and accessible means of resolving grievances at work". People did not generally undertake industrial tribunal cases lightly and introducing an extra financial burden would unfairly deter those on low incomes, she said.

Pit arrests cash

Nottinghamshire police have paid more than £30,000 to 10 people for wrongful arrest, assault and false imprisonment during the year-long miners' strike of 1984. The settlement, which includes legal costs and compensation, was paid after the issuing of writs against Nottinghamshire's chief constable by the National Union of Mineworkers. Mr Sidney Richmond, aged 79, a former miner from Mansfield, and his son, Mr Norman Richmond, aged 40, each received £2,000.

Police impersonation

Three men were charged yesterday with impersonating police officers after an incident at a traffic diversion on the A607 between Melton Mowbray and Leicester, at Melton Mowbray Magistrates' Court. Ian Hutchinson, aged 23, of Grange Drive, Christopher Brookes, aged 19, of Conway Drive and Mark Ellingworth, aged 17, of Chadwell Close, all from Melton Mowbray, were remanded in custody for 24 hours to appear before magistrates at Loughborough, Leicestershire, this morning. Hutchinson faces an additional charge of burglary. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

IRA activity marks 20 years of troubles

German link to Mill Hill bomb

By Stewart Tendler and Michael Horsnell

Scotland Yard detectives believe the IRA bomb used to blast the Inglis Barracks at Mill Hill, north London, on Tuesday could be similar to devices planted by the the Provisionals last month at an Army camp in West Germany.

Anti-terrorist specialists suspect that an IRA active service unit in Britain is using crude, short-timed devices from bomb makers who also supplied the IRA unit which planted two 20 lb bombs which wounded nine servicemen at the Glamorgan Barracks, Duisburg.

There was a growing suspicion in Belfast yesterday that the sudden upsurge in IRA activity could be linked with a campaign to mark the twentieth anniversary of the latest Ulster troubles in August next year.

Police do not rule out the possibility that one IRA unit may have been responsible for the Mill Hill and West German attacks. Forensic specialists are likely to compare debris and other evidence.

In both attacks, the bombers struck at night, leaving devices which exploded a few hours after they were activated.

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch believes the Mill Hill bomb was left sometime during Sunday night or early on Monday morning. The bombers had picked a barrack block used by permanent staff at the camp, which meant they could be assured of a target. They had also known enough about the barrack routine to avoid a night patrol.

The bombers are thought to have parked a getaway vehicle close to the camp and then walked into the central area through an unguarded back gate. They had opened a rear door to the building and had slipped the bomb, hidden in a bag, inside.

Mourners carrying the coffin yesterday at the funeral of Mr John Warnock, an RUC officer killed by a IRA car bomb.

The police have identified at least four suspects. They believe the most likely bombers were two men seen at about 11pm going into the block with a bag who left later empty-handed. They also want to trace a jogger who was seen running through the camp.

They are also interested in identifying a young woman, described as blonde and "striking", who was seen crossing the parade ground in front of the bombed block.

Det Supt Christopher Bird confirmed at an inquest yesterday that a bomb had caused the blast. The inquest at Hornsey, north London, coroners' courts was on Lance Corporal Michael Robbins, aged 23, who was killed in the explosion.

He said explosive traces were identified from swabs taken at the site.

Professor David Bowen, of Charing Cross Hospital medical school, west London, said the cause of death was "traumatic asphyxia". He said after the hearing had been adjourned that a number of people had been trapped by rubble.

A pro-IRA march and rally is to go ahead in London tomorrow in spite of calls for it to be banned. Scotland Yard has told the organizers to ensure that it passes without confrontation and warned that grounds could still arise which could lead to a ban.

The march, organized by the Irish Freedom Movement to mark the seventeenth anniversary of internment in Northern Ireland, will be held in Islington, north-east London.

About 2,000 people are expected to attend the four-mile march, which starts outside Islington town hall and ends with a rally at Whittington Park where prominent republicans are expected to speak. Local councillors are expected to attend.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Selly Oak, called for a ban on the march, which was organized months ago. However, the only person with the power to formally request a banning order by the Home Secretary under the 1936 Public Order Act is the Commissioner of Police.

Mr Phil Murphy, national organizer of the Irish Freedom Movement, said: "We don't see why events of the last few days should lead us to call off the march. We see it in the context of a war which has gone on for 20 years."

Scotland Yard said: "We have communicated with the organizers that it is our intention to see it passes off without confrontation or conflict. There are no grounds to ban the march so far."

The march marks the start of a renewed republican campaign to demand the withdrawal of British troops.

Britain's biology heritage 'in crisis'

By Andrew Billen

Millions of biological speciments are in danger of rotting away, a Museums Association survey disclosed yesterday, months after a National Audit Office report showed that thousands of works of art were decaying in under-supervised museums.

The 600-page report on 300 British museums holding specimens of flowers, insects and animals says the nation's biological heritage is in crisis.

It blames decades of underfunding for endangering nearly five million specimens, 2.5 million of which it classifies as already "in a bad condition".

Three-quarters of museums cannot afford to employ even a single specialist curator to look after their collections, the report says.

It recommends the rationalization of collections and an increase in funding to pay for more curators and laboratories.

Mr Fred Dunning, of the Natural History Museum, who chaired the working party that oversaw the five-year survey, called for the appointment of a dozen travelling biology conservators yesterday who would inspect musuems and another 10 "trouble-shooters" to do emergency conservation work.

"The cost would perhaps be £750,000", he said.

"It is comparatively easy to get money for the arts. You can raise £2 million for a painting but you cannot find £2,000 to conserve any number of biological specimens."

Although the names of the worst affected museums have not been disclosed, the report says three-quarters of museums in the UK are incapable of ensuring the proper care.

Some have backlogs of uncatalogued specimens dating back 200 years; one that obtained a natural history collection in 1784 began cataloguing only in 1978.

Mr Graeme Farnell, director general of the Museums Association, called the report "shocking". Mr Fred Woodward, deputy keeper of natural history at Glasgow Museum, said the report would tell curators little they did not already know about chronic underfunding.

He said his museum had dried plants collected in the 1920s that were still lying in their original newspaper pressings. His department's staff would have to be doubled to allow proper conservation.

CFCs 'will bring an epidemic of skin cancers'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

There will be an epidemic of skin cancers in Britain unless a drastic reduction is made soon in the use of CFCs that are damaging the ozone layer, according to a leading article in the *British Medical Journal* by one of the country's most eminent dermatologists.

Professor Rona MacKie, from the University of Glasgow, predicts that the type of skin cancers that are prevalent from long, daily exposure of white skin to intense natural sunlight, in places such as Australia, will become commonplace in the UK. She describes plans to reduce the production of CFC compounds used in aerosols, refrigerators and plastic cartons by half by the end of the 1990s as "too little, too late".

"A drastic reduction is needed as soon as possible to prevent an environmental problem from becoming an environmental catastrophe", she says.

The cancers would be caused by an increase in ultraviolet B radiation slipping through the ozone screen to reach the earth's surface.

But the article, written in conjunction with Dr Michael Rycroft, of the British Antarctic Survey, draws attention for the first time to the threat posed by ultraviolet C radiation in sunlight.

They say: "whereas current instruments detect ultraviolet B, ultraviolet C may now be penetrating through a depleted ozone layer with grave biological consequences".

They say evidence of this must be sought and an international network of monitoring equipment is needed to record changes of all types of ultraviolet radiation: A, B and C.

The loss of ozone is caused by chlorine atoms released from the CFCs. The chlorine atoms interfere with the normal processes by which ultraviolet radiation is first filtered out and then followed by regeneration of ozone involved in the reaction.

But the chlorine atoms remain in the atmosphere for more than 100 years, and one atom of chlorine may destroy 10,000 ozone molecules.

Since a hole in the ozone layer was first discovered over Antarctica, man-made substances have reduced it by 10 per cent. Scientists agree that a 1 per cent reduction in the shield leads to a 2 per cent rise in ultraviolet B reaching the earth's surface.

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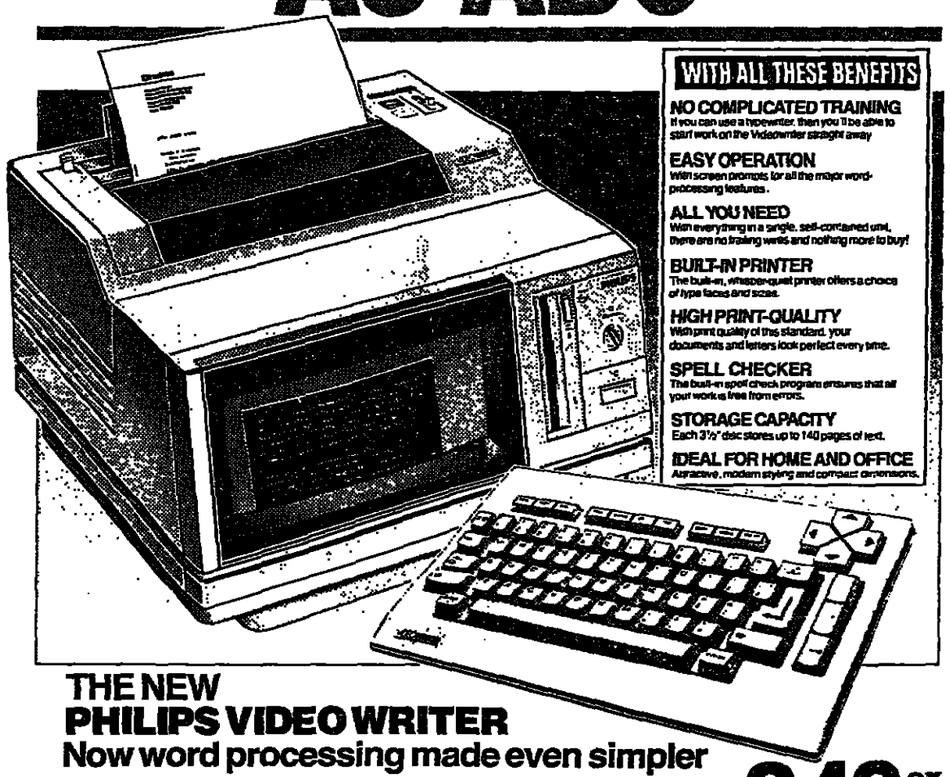

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Drug offers hope to heart patients

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A new £1 a day drug treatment that could reduce the risk of heart attacks by two-thirds has been supported by a British medical expert who claims it could help more than 100,000 people suffering from inherited high cholesterol.

Professor Barry Lewis, a cholesterol expert at St Thomas' Hospital, south London, yesterday said that the new drug Gemfibrozil appeared to have few side effects and could be of significant long term benefit for high cholesterol sufferers.

A five-year trial conducted in Helsinki, Finland, on 4,000 men showed that the number of heart attacks were reduced by a third in the first year and by two-thirds after five years.

Participants in the trial were put on the same low cholesterol diet and were counselled to stop smoking and take more exercise. They were compared with a control group who were also counselled, but were given a placebo.

Dr Vesa Manninen, of Helsinki University, told a press conference in London yesterday that there were few medical side effects.

Dr Manninen said that the drug increased the amount of high density lipoprotein (HDL) in the blood, which removes cholesterol from body tissues, taking it to the liver where it is broken down and eliminated from the body.

It also decreased low density lipoproteins which carry cholesterol into the tissues.

Professor Lewis said about half of Britain's adult population had undesirably high cholesterol with about a quarter of those presenting a high risk of coronary heart disease.

Professor Lewis has been using the drug, which has been marketed by the manufacturers Warner Lambert under the name Lopid for nearly a year, on his own patients.

He said: "I think it is a magnificent study. It shows that there is a drug which has no significant side effects which reduces the incidence of heart attacks by one third at least."

Researchers reject vitamin link to IQ

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Claims that vitamin supplements can boost the intelligence of schoolchildren have failed to find any support in a study into the supposed link published in *The Lancet*.

In January, researchers at the University College of Swansea claimed to have found a significant increase in intelligence among schoolchildren given supplements at Darland High School, Wrexham, Clwyd.

The study was seized on by some health product manufacturers who marketed vitamin supplements implying that they improved IQ.

Now a substantially larger inquiry, involving more than 150 London schoolchildren, has failed to find any evidence for an IQ improvement.

Conducted by the department of food and nutritional sciences of King's College, London, the study looked for differences in intelligence among 11 and 12-year-olds given either a vitamin supplement or a placebo.

Both sets of children performed better in the second IQ tests given after the pills had been administered, a reflection of their greater familiarity with such tests. However, there was no significant difference between the groups in the results.

The King's College team conclude that "while vitamin and mineral supplements may be of benefit to the health of children whose diets give cause for concern, it is clear from the present study that no improvements in intellectual performance can be expected".

Dr Michael Nelson, a member of the team, said the results were also supported by biochemical studies of the way in which the brain absorbs vitamins.

These have shown that the brain has a kind of overload protection mechanism which stops unnecessarily high levels of vitamins accumulating.

Dr Nelson added that a further study, to be published later, showed that even for children from relatively poor backgrounds, vitamin supplements had no effect on IQ.

Passenger delays at Gatwick

Engine trouble halts Virgin

By David Nicholson-Lord

Passengers flying to New York with Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic faced long delays from Gatwick yesterday after a Boeing 747 was grounded with engine faults and Virgin was unable to charter a replacement.

Most of the 378 passengers scheduled to fly out at 4.15 pm were found seats with other airlines but some had to wait until this morning after a hold-up of 18 hours.

On Wednesday almost 400 passengers bound for Miami, on a flight scheduled to leave Gatwick at 12.30pm, departed six hours late after Virgin managed to charter a Cargolux aircraft. Yesterday, however, Virgin tried 80 airlines but could not find a replacement.

The Boeing suffered damage to the engine mounting and was being repaired by British Airways. Virgin could not say when it would be back in service. Passengers were urged to check in as normal but were advised to ring 0293 38222 for further information.

FLIGHTCHECK

Other flight details:

Birmingham: Wardair flight to Toronto scheduled out 8.05am, departed 1½ hours late. Danair flight from Minorca scheduled 3.20pm, arrived 4.20pm.

Bristol: Paramount flight to Faro scheduled out 10.50am, departed 11.50am. Some flights arriving and departing early, airport says.

East Midlands: No delays.

Gatwick: CalAir flight to Faro scheduled out 2.55pm, expected to depart 11pm.

Heathrow: No delays.

Leeds/Bradford: No delays.

Manchester: Arrivals: British Airways from Munich scheduled 3.15pm, arrived 7.15pm; Danair from Faro scheduled 3.15pm, arrived 6.30pm; Calair from Palma scheduled 3.50pm, arrived 6pm; Britannia from Tenerife scheduled 6.10pm, expected 10.40pm. Departures: Air Portugal to Lisbon scheduled out 4.50pm, departed 5.45pm; CalAir to Los Palmas scheduled out 5pm, expected to depart 10.05pm.

Newcastle: Arrivals: Paramount flight from Salonika scheduled 3.05pm, arrived 3.55pm; Britannia flight from Heraklion scheduled 5.45pm, expected 10.45pm.

Mestel leads in chess round four

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

Round four of the Kleinwort Benson British Chess Championship at Blackpool produced a clear leader when after a draw between Grand Masters Murray Chandler and Niaz Murshed, Jonathan Mestel beat the Bolton international master David Norwood to bring his score to 4 points out of 4, leaving Chandler and Murshed half a point behind.

Mestel has twice been champion in 1976 and 1983. Round four results:

Murray Chandler ½, N Murshed ½; D Norwood 0, J Mestel 1; C Beaumont ½, J Cooper ½; G Lane 0, V Anand 1; I Rogers ½, J Howell ½, D Knox 0, W Watson 1; K Arkell ½, N Carton ½; A Dunnington ½, P Wells ½; J Poulton ½, R Freeman ½; A Jones 0, G Oswald 1.

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£10,000 awarded to secretary in work equality test case

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A secretary with an oil-rig company has won more than £10,000 for being forced to retire at 60 in one of four victories achieved in test cases on the equality laws just announced by the Equal Opportunities Commission.

In what is thought to be the first successful case since the Government changed retirement laws in 1986, Mrs Elizabeth Nicol, of Aberdeen, won the maximum £8,500 award for unlawful dismissal, with £1,500 for unfair dismissal.

The Sex Discrimination Act was amended in 1986 to outlaw unequal retirement ages for men and women in the wake of a European Court of Justice victory by Miss Helen Marshall, a dietician.

Mrs Nicol worked for the Ben Line Group's Aberdeen office doing typing and secretarial work for various rigs managed by the company.

The company changed its retirement age to 60 for both sexes to comply with the change in the law in 1986. However, it planned a phased reduction of retirement age for men because they had expected to work to 65.

A tribunal held that this was unlawful, discriminatory and unfair because women were automatically dismissed at 60.

In a second case, an advertising agency, Rodney Day Recruitment of Sudbury, Suffolk, was found in breach of the law for advertising a range of jobs under the heading "genuine career opportunities for rugby players", with a picture of a male rugby player.

Applications were invited from people "currently playing at a reasonable level" because, it said, the firm was keen to improve rugby-playing in the area.

The posts advertised included quantity surveyors, material buyers, trainee solicitors and sign-erectors.

The agency maintained it did not intend to discriminate against women and that the advertisements were justified given the importance of rugby in rural South-east England, where its client firm was based.

The tribunal rejected this unanimously. The commission said: "This case makes it clear that employers must advertise vacancies to all sections of the public."

The requirement to be a rugby player was irrelevant to the jobs in question, and effectively restricted the posts to men.

In a third case, a woman who was dismissed after she tried to bring an equal pay claim was awarded more than £5,000 for victimization.

Mrs Brenda Puckering, a machine operator with Positive Paper Products in London, asked her employers for equal pay with male colleagues. The company refused to allow her claim and several days later she was dismissed.

The tribunal upheld her claim of victimization and she was awarded more than £5,000, including £1,200 in exemplary damages.

The commission said: "This case is signficant because fear of victimization deters many from pursuing sex discrimination cases."

In a fourth case, Mrs Anne Ogilvy-Stuart, brought a claim under EEC law against her former employers, Osmington School Tring Ltd, where she worked as a teacher for nine years, on the grounds that they had failed to make a redundancy payment to her because she was 60 when her employment was terminated. She was offered an *ex gratia* payment of £500.

The tribunal found that a man in the same circumstances would have received a redundancy payment of 12 weeks' pay.

The only reason Mrs Ogilvy-Stuart did not receive it was that United Kingdom law, in breach of EEC law, fails to ensure that men and women receive equal redundancy payments.

The Equal Opportunities Commission said the decision was important because it established that European law gave a woman made redundant over the age of 60 a right to statutory redundancy pay.

National Consumer Council report

New NHS cash ratio urged

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Funding for the National Health Service should be linked to government-set standards for hospital services, including maximum waiting times for operations, the National Consumer Council says.

In its evidence to the Prime Minister's review on the NHS, the council says such standards should also cover cleaning, laundry and catering services, access to privacy and comfort, levels of personal care, continuity of care, and access to information. Yardsticks to judge the standards of medical services are also needed.

"Such standards could then be used as the cornerstones for future funding arrangments", the council says.

It backs the idea put forward by the National Association of Health Authorities in its evidence for health authorities to hold contracts of care with their patients specifying maximum waiting times for particular conditions. Where the time is exceeded under this proposal, patients will be free to go to the private sector and bill the appropriate health authority.

The council calls on the Prime Minister to continue to fund the health service through taxation. It rejects the idea of tax relief or rebate schemes encouraging people to opt out of NHS entitlement. It is also opposed to increasing direct user charges.

However, the council says the Government should define the standards of services it wished to provide so that everyone involved, including consumers, could judge whether those standards were being met.

The paper disputes the argument that the NHS will never be able to meet growing demand irrespective of the funds spent on it. "The evidence from OECD [Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development] countries including the UK is that demand is levelling off and costs are stabilizing."

The council says direct charges inhibit the seeking of medical treatment and should remain confined to simple areas such as prescriptions. Charging for hospital care or dental treatment is likely to force people into the private sector or make them go without care altogether, it says.

However, the report supports the idea of allowing the private sector to bid for commissions by health authorities to provide NHS services.

Funding the National Health Service (National Consumer Council, 20 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1).

Inquiry urged into effect of cough vaccine

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor is being urged by Mr Jack Ashley, *Labour MP for Stoke on Trent South*, to set up a judicial inquiry into whether whooping cough vaccine can cause brain damage.

He is concerned that government payments to vaccine-damaged children have been endangered by the recent Susan Loveday ruling in the High Court that there was insufficient proof.

"The general public has now been left with the impression that it is established beyond doubt that whooping cough vaccination cannot cause brain damage", Mr Ashley says.

He says the ruling was criticized by two QCs, who said no regard should be paid to it by any tribunal considering the validity of claims under the Vaccine Damage Payments Act.

Chinese symbols 'link to Triad organization'

Chinese characters written in two English exercise books were related to the world-wide Triad criminal organization, a court was told yesterday.

The books had been found at the home of two men who are accused with another man and his girl friend of conspiring to extort with menaces £8,600 from a successful Chinese vegetable supplier at Portsmouth, Winchester Crown Court was told.

Siu Sum Cheung, aged 36, and Tin Leung Wong, aged 33, both of Seymour Close, Buckland, Portsmouth, and Sau Yin Cheung, aged 30, and his girl friend, Yuet Ming Chan, aged 40, both of Old Farm Way, Harlington, Portsmouth, deny the charges.

Siu Sum Cheung and Sau Yin Cheung and Miss Chan are accused of causing grievous bodily harm to Fu Wing Chan, of Lakeside, Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire, in April last year. It is alleged that Mr Chan offered to pay £10,000 to Miss Chan, who is unrelated, if she did not renew her lease with him on a Chinese takeaway shop in Havant Road, Drayton, Portsmouth.

The court has been told that Mr Chan paid only £5,000 and Miss Chan had persuaded her boy friend to help her recover the other £5,000.

Mr Chan was threatened and told that he must pay £8,600; £5,000 to Miss Chan and £3,600 to the other men.

Superintendent Wi Ming Lau, of the Hong Kong police, told the jury that he had been shown the exercise books in July last year while he was on a two-year secondment to the West Midlands police.

He said poems and other Chinese characters in the books related to the Triad organization. Any member or organizer of the society would be considered to be breaking the law, he said.

The trial continues today.

New season's television

BBC backs real-life drama

By Andrew Billen

The BBC has commissioned more drama based on real life events in spite of the furore over *Tumbledown*, the play about a Scots Guardsman injured in the Falklands.

Unveiling his plans for the next 12 months, Mr Mark Shivas, the new head of TV drama, announced five big documentary dramas.

The *Sunday Premiere* on BBC1 will feature *Across the Lake*, with Anthony Hopkins presenting a tortured psychological portrait of Donald Campbell, whose attempt to break the water speed record cost him his life.

The same season will include *The Four Minute Mile*, about athletes' attempts on the legendary record, and *The Most Dangerous Man in the World*, described as "a speculative drama exploring the plot to kill Pope John Paul II in 1981". BBC2's complementary *Screen Two* season, starting in the New Year, includes a film about the mental breakdown of John Ogdon, the pianist.

Death of a Son, by Tony Marchant, tells the story of Mrs Pauline Williams, a Luton housewife who brought the first successful private prosecution in Britain for manslaughter after her son died of a drugs overdose.

Writing in the BBC's mid-year review last month Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the governors, signalled his concern about "faction".

He wrote that while *Tumbledown* was a powerful, well-written play, it "raised issues about drama based on real life which the BBC will have to consider seriously".

Mr Shivas, who took over his new job this week, was not responsible for commissioning the new programmes. He is, however, a public advocate of the documentary drama.

He said yesterday that *Tumbledown*, in spite of the "predictable responses from predictable sources", had generated a huge audience response in its favour.

"BBC drama must not seek to take any safe or bland routes. But equally, our work must be responsible."

BBC2 will show a television version of Steven Berkoff's adaptaton of Kafka's *Metamorphosis*. The violence and profanity of Berkoff's language has until now kept his work off the small screen.

Other features of the £73 million package include *Blind Justice*, a series about a group of left-wing barristers, and *First Born*, a three-part drama from *The Life and Loves of a She Devil* team about a child born of a gorilla.

Westminster clean-up

The orb on the spire of the Central Tower at the Palace of Westminster being removed for repair and regilding yesterday as part of a conservation project started in 1981. The project, under the auspices of the Property Services Agency, has cost £7 million so far and has included the restoration of Big Ben, now completed (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Jail for killing unborn child

A man who kicked his pregnant girl friend in the stomach, deliberately killing their unborn son, was jailed for nine years yesterday.

David Harvey, aged 24, of Bounds Green, north London, assaulted Miss Laverne Springer, aged 22, when she was 22 weeks pregnant after she refused to have an abortion, the Central Criminal Court was told.

He went to her home last September, kicked at her stomach and then kicked her between the legs. The baby was born dead three days later.

Judge West-Russell told him: "I find it hard to imagine any greater degradation for a woman than that."

After his arrest, Harvey, who has never had a job, showed complete indifference to what he had done, the judge said.

Harvey shouted abuse at jurors yesterday after they found him guilty of assault with intent to procure a miscarriage and assault occasioning actual bodily harm. He waved a finger at them and shouted: "You are stupid".

Miss Springer, of Clapton, east London, refused to name Harvey in court as her attacker, but the jury was told that immediately after the incident, she named him to a doctor, hospital staff and police.

Harvey also admitted the attack to police, the court was told. He told them: "She's nutty wanting a bloody baby. She got herself pregnant.

"She should have done something about it. I have got other things on the go. I didn't want her hanging around my neck for money. I lost my temper. I didn't want any baby."

Portfolio —PLUS NEW— *Accumulator*

Cash for the home

The sole winner of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio competition will use the money for improvements to his home in Surbiton, Surrey.

Mr Nigel Lashmar, a chartered accountant who has been playing Portfolio since it began, said: "I am incredibly pleased to have won. The money will now go into what I call the 'house fund'."

Checks on remoulds stepped up

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The Department of Transport has increased tests of remould tyres to combat a growing number of faulty tyres being sold. Problems involve cheaply-made new tyres and last week the ministry banned sales of a Rumanian-made tyre.

The AA said yesterday: "There has been a spate of complaints recently both about remoulds and low quality new tyres". Drivers should buy only the well-known makes of tyre while shopping around.

Complaints have arisen because of the speed rating on tyres. The most popular rating on lower powered cars is "S" which means the tyre is safe at speeds of up to 113 mph with the car fully laden over a sustained period. Legally, remoulded tyres only have to meet a minimum standard of 70 mph. In Germany it is a legal requirement to renew old tyres with ones of at least equal quality.

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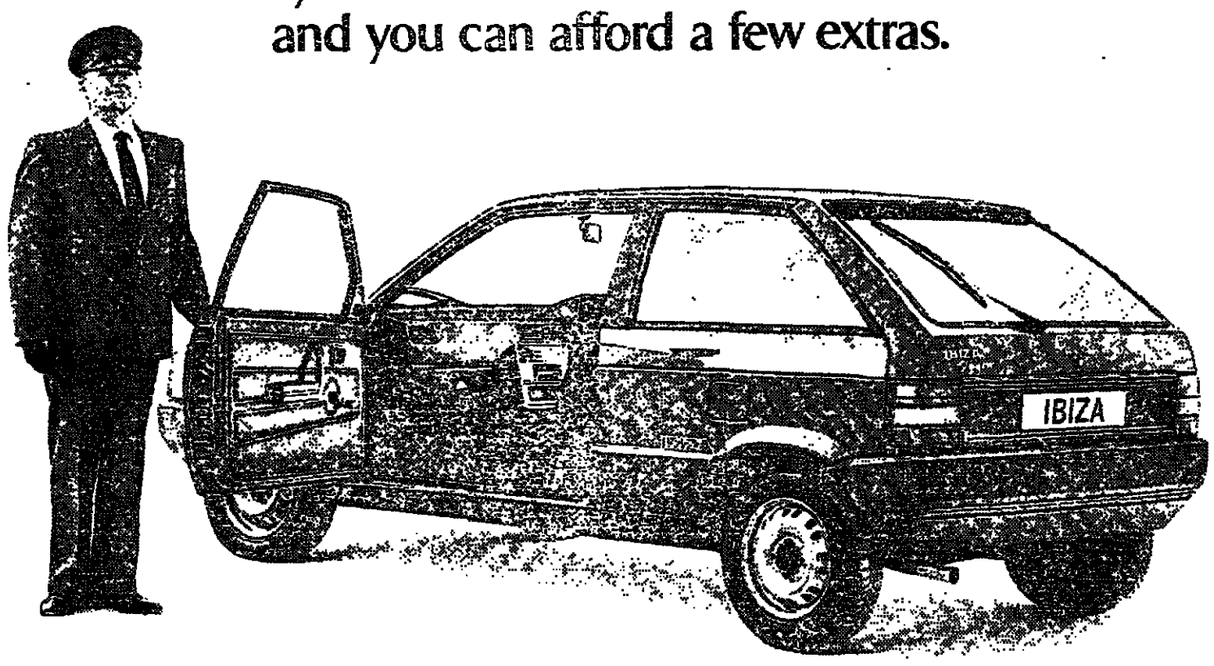

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INF deal welcomed, but with warning to Nato

Nuclear weapon cuts will 'raise tension in the West'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Progress towards genuine arms control is fraught with potential dangers for the Nato alliance, the Commons foreign affairs committee said yesterday.

The all-party committee identified a series of political problems that such progress — particularly the superpower agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces — had created or accentuated.

After an intensive seven-month inquiry, taking them to Bonn and Washington, the MPs pointed to the likelihood of exacerbated tensions between Nato members; to the probable need for greater defence spending at a time when the public perception was of a diminishing threat by the Soviet Union; and to powerful Russian propaganda, not yet matched by that country's actions.

They said the INF treaty would lead to a smaller reduction in nuclear weapons than was generally expected. Nato would be in a weak bargaining position for negotiating cuts in conventional forces, and the difficulties involved in verifying conventional and chemical weapon cuts would be immense.

The MPs also expressed concern about the political and defence implications of a reduced American presence in Europe.

The committee, which has a Conservative majority, said it welcomed the INF agreement. Further arms controls and reductions should be pursued "as vigorously as possible".

However, it added that "governments should be prepared for a long haul" and should not allow themselves to be carried away on the wave of optimism that had been created by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Kremlin leader.

"In the period ahead the divergence between politically encouraged expectations and probable results is likely to face Nato governments with major challenges", the committee said.

The report said the INF treaty intensified the controversy over whether short-range nuclear weapons should be improved and modernized to compensate, and that was a threat to relations between West Germany and her Nato allies.

The Germans were acutely aware that greater reliance on short-range nuclear weapons increased the probability of West Germany becoming the principal "battleground".

The issue had already caused "considerable strains" within the alliance. "Unless the issue is handled with great sensitivity ... the political consequences for Nato could be serious."

The INF treaty also raised the issue of whether to deploy cruise missile-carrying submarines or air-launched cruise missiles capable of reaching Russia. That would compensate for the loss of land-based intermediate missiles and maintain Nato's "flexible response" capability.

However, the report questioned whether doing so would be in the spirit of the treaty. "It will come as a surprise to many that while land-based missiles are to go, both Nato and the Warsaw Pact are rapidly devising new weaponry to cover much the same targets as before."

Nor did the treaty mean lower defence spending. Conventional forces would have to be bolstered to compensate, and that would be costly. At the same time, the United States would be pressing for Europe to contribute proportionately more to its own defence.

"The alliance faces a further problem — how to maintain public support for defence spending when the Soviet Union's image is softening."

In spite of the Soviet Union's apparent new attitude, "the committee has yet to see hard evidence of a change in deployment of Soviet forces or of procurement for future deployment".

The MPs said it was important politically for Nato to do its utmost to respond with counter-proposals to Russian initiatives and to put forward its own ideas for negotiation.

In the event of a superpower agreement to make deep cuts in strategic nuclear weapons, the report said America might be reluctant to devote as many nuclear systems to the defence of Europe.

Further strategic arms talks might have to involve the British and French nuclear forces. The threat of American "decoupling" was present.

"All this contains the seeds of possible difficulties for the UK's relations, particularly with the United States."

After nuclear arms reductions, the Soviet Union's considerable superiority in conventional and chemical weaponry would become "the prime source of instability".

The committee notes that "to reach anything like an equal balance in conventional forces, the Warsaw Pact and particularly the Soviet Union would have to withdraw as much as two-thirds of their strength in tanks and artillery from Europe.

"It is hard to see much leverage from the Nato side with which to negotiate from strength".

The problems of verifying agreed cuts in conventional and chemical weapons would be of an entirely different magnitude to the verification required by the INF treaty. There were "vast and increasing complexities" that would have to be faced, but the attempt should be made.

Foreign Affairs Committee: The Political Impact of the Process of Arms Control and Disarmament (Stationery Office: £12.50).

DEFENCE EXPENDITURE OF NATO COUNTRIES

	GDP %	Total (US$m)
US	6.6	292,165
Greece	6.3	2,972
UK	4.7	30,859
Turkey	4.7	2,890
France	4.0	34,529
Norway	3.2	2,634
Portugal	3.2	1,135
Netherlands	3.1	6,502
Germany	3.0	34,233
Belgium	3.0	4,142
Italy	2.2	16,806
Denmark	2.1	2,127
Canada	2.1	8,518
Spain	2.0	5,738
Luxembourg	1.2	76

Source, Statement of the Defence Estimates, CM 344-I, p 53

Threat to Brent teachers' jobs

Union to fight redundancies

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Britain's biggest teaching union has vowed to fight plans to make 230 teachers redundant in the Labour-controlled north-west London borough of Brent.

The National Union of Teachers forced Haringey, the Labour council in north London, to withdraw similar plans to dismiss teachers earlier this year as part of budget cuts. Yesterday the union declared its determination to fight Brent.

A meeting of the borough's education committee on Wednesday agreed to save £3.29 million as part of cuts totalling £17.2 million the council is making to avoid being ratecapped.

The plan involves dismissing teachers, closing all nursery schools and four youth and community centres, scrapping the school meals service and ending grants to all but four community groups.

Although the union said it would fight the redundancy plans — expected to save the council £1.25 million — it privately accused the council of employing "scare tactics".

Union officials said talks had already taken place about shedding up to 200 of Brent's 2,100 teachers through voluntary redundancy and early retirement.

Among those whose jobs could be at risk from the cuts is Mr Malcolm Horne, the union president, who teaches at Willesden High School. He was on holiday in Australia yesterday and had not been told of the council's decision.

Mr Nitin Parshotam, education committee chairman, said last night that even if the cuts were implemented in full Brent would still have a better pupil teacher ratio than many other London boroughs.

● Parents at two successful and popular comprehensive schools have been told that if they agree to the schools being turned into city technology colleges they will receive £4 million to pay for rebuilding and other improvements (David Tytler, Education Editor, writes).

Critics describe the scheme as unfair to other schools in the area.

A report in this week's *Times Educational Supplement* says that the CTC option for the future of the two-single sex Haberdashers' Aske's schools in Lewisham, south-east London, is strongly supported by Mr Christopher Bostock, the chairman of the governors, on behalf of the Haberdashers' Livery Company, which runs the school jointly with the Inner London Education Authority.

A consultation document on the future of the schools is being sent to about 10,000 people, including parents, former pupils, and staff as well as to parents and staff of local schools who may consider sending their children there in the future.

In discussing the city college plan, the document explains the two other options — remaining as voluntary-controlled schools with Lewisham after the abolition of Ilea, or opting out.

As a city college each school would be funded by Whitehall, but unlike other CTCs would be able to top up this grant from their own resources.

Parents are told that the new colleges would improve the schools' facilities for science, humanities and physical education.

Rethink on governors' ban

By Our Education Reporter

Labour councillors in Manchester who have refused to allow Conservatives to serve as school governors have been told by party leaders they must think again.

The party's education spokesman, Mr Jack Straw, said yesterday that the decision to bar members of the council's minority Tory group from governing bodies had been condemned by the Shadow Cabinet and Labour's local government committee. As a result there had been "informal and comradely discussions with the authority", he said.

Mr Straw said Labour's action was far stronger than anything the Conservative Party had done to deal with the Tory-controlled Barnet and Kent councils, which had banned Labour councillors from taking seats on governing bodies.

Mr Straw was speaking at the official publication of a Labour Party survey of the problems facing local authorities in recruiting parents as school governors under the 1986 Education Act. All school governing bodies will have to contain elected parent governors from September.

Mr Straw said that the survey of 30 of the 104 education authorities in England and Wales had found that one-third were having trouble recruiting parents as governors and a quarter said the problem had become serious.

He called on the Government to act on its earlier promise to mount a television advertising campaign to recruit parents as governors and said parents needed reassuring about their new rights and responsibilities. Many feared that if they sat as governors they would be liable to personal surcharge if things went wrong.

Mr Straw also attacked government claims that the 1986 Act would increase the number of parents on school governing bodies.

Counties of old die hard

By David Walker

Many people living in Humberside still believe it is really the East Riding of Yorkshire but, in spite of fierce allegiance to the old boundaries, the counties created in 1974 are here to stay, according to a report published today.

The Local Government Boundary Commission says it has not been convinced of the need to redraw the map even though strong feelings exist locally that Avon properly belongs to Somerset, and that Cleveland is a mismatch of Yorkshire and Durham.

In *People and Places*, which reports on the Boundary Commission's work since 1983, the commissioners say that "those who write to us or whose names appear on petitions are usually only a small proportion of those concerned and we can make no assumptions about the views of the silent majority either way".

The law allows the commissioners to recommend the abolition of counties, but the commissioners say that protesters have not convinced them that new counties such as Humberside have failed.

The Boundary Commission's recommendations include giving the Isle of Wight a single council for all functions instead of the county council and two district councils which now serve its 119,800 people.

Substantial boundary changes are also proposed for the London area, including Heathrow airport, which is divided between Hounslow, Hillingdon and Surrey, and Wembley, which is part of Labour-controlled Brent and which some local people want to become part of Conservative Harrow.

The commission also says there is a need for the law to be changed to allow it to make quicker studies of high growth areas, and asks the Government to give more thought to the consequences for the size of councils of its reforms involving poll tax, education and housing.

People and Places (Stationery Office; £4.50).

Weekend food prices

Mushroom taste test before buying

The Safeway stores are promoting some unusual varieties of mushrooms — with a chance to taste before buying them. Shiitake, also called forest or black mushrooms, cost £1.54 for a 4oz pack, oysters £1.12 for a 5oz pack and baby buttons 59p for a 4oz pack.

Salads are plentiful this week and there are many good buys. Hothouse tomatoes are down in price at between 25 and 45p a lb, beef tomatoes 50-80p a lb and cherry tomatoes 60-90p a ½lb. Cos and crisp lettuces are between 35-40p a head and iceberg 35-75p and English red varieties are between 40-75p a head. Crisp watercress is 30-40p a bunch and celery is between 35-55p a head.

English new crop potatoes from 9-12p a lb are a best buy and English baking potatoes at 25-35p a lb are also available. Sweet tender English carrots are 14-25p a lb, cauliflowers 35-60p each, superb courgettes 30-50p a lb and primo cabbage are all top quality. English stick beans are 60p-£1 a lb but broad beans at 25-50p a lb are near the end of their season. English marrows are very cheap at 20-45p each and new season English leeks 50-70p a lb.

Cyprus seedless grapes and Thompson seedless and sultana grapes are good value from 50p-£1 a lb. Cyprus cardinal grapes 50-70p a lb are very sweet.

There is a superb selection of melons in the shops from 50p each. Nectarines from 10p each and peaches from 9p are abundant. Spanish Victoria plums at 50-75p a lb and French gage plums at 30-55p a lb are now available.

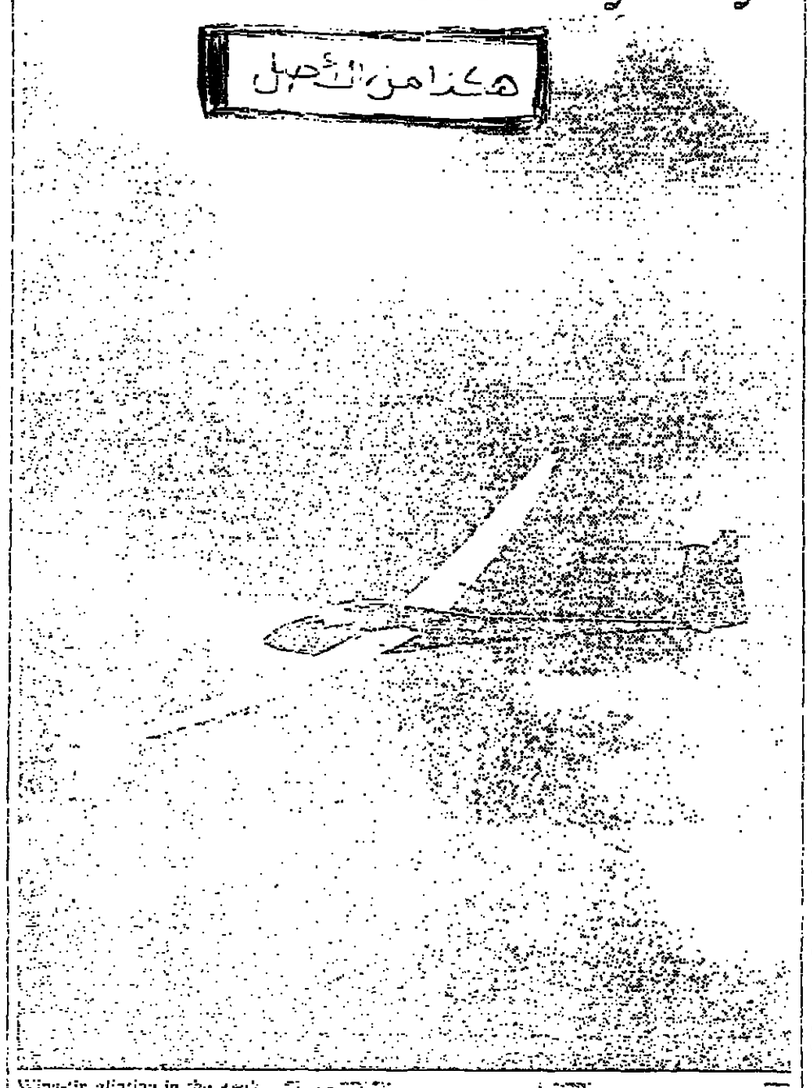
Home-produced lamb should be a little cheaper this weekend, particularly whole shoulder. Sainsbury's whole shoulder is down 40p a lb to 88p. The average price of whole leg is £1.91 a lb, but Tesco are selling it at £1.79 a lb and Asda at £1.49 a lb. Boned leg joints are at between £2.80 and £3.40 a lb, but medallions are down in price to approximately £2 a lb.

Beef prices in many areas are up 1-3p a lb, but are surprisingly stable in the South-east. The average price of topside and silverside is £2.45 a lb and forerib on the bone is £1.71 a lb, fillet steak £5.22, rumpsteak £3.32 and boneless brisket £1.75. Beef mince at an average £1.29 a lb makes an excellent stand-by for quick meals. Pork is always good value even with the slight increases on rib and loin chops this week.

Storms at sea last weekend caused a hiccup in fresh fish supplies and prices were up early in the week, but prices and supplies should be stable by the weekend.

Herrings at 55p-£1.30 a lb, mackerel 38-90p and cod £1.60-£2.45 are all good value and lemon sole at an average £2.46 shows a drop of 13p on the average price.

Alone in a stormy sky



Wing-tip gliding in the weak August sun, a Nimbus-3 glider flown by Mrs Pam Hawkins (right) circles over Hampshire yesterday in practice for the national gliding championships starting tomorrow. Mrs Hawkins, aged 34, a veterinary surgeon from Ilford, Essex, is the only woman competing for the Open Class title at Lasham near Alton. Pilots photograph landmarks during the event to prove they have completed the course. (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Food test saves a driver's licence

A cheese fondu and an apple mousse cooked by a Home Office forensic scientist enabled a man on a drink-driving charge to avoid losing his licence yesterday.

Magistrates at Abingdon, Oxfordshire, were told the Crown Prosecution Service had requested tests on the food after Mr Jean-Paul Jeral, a computer software consultant, claimed he had not been drinking. Mr Robin Cooper, an analytical biochemist, said the tests on the dishes, cooked by Miss Heidi Zealey, a senior analyst at the Home Office forensic laboratory, showed that up to 80 per cent of the alcohol in the fondu would not have evaporated.

Mr Cooper said he calculated that the two dishes, which had been cooked with white wine, a liqeur and brandy, had added 53 units to the blood test reading, bringing the total level of alcohol to 87 milligrams per 100 millilitres.

Mr Jeral was stopped by the police minutes after leaving the home of Mr Martin Schmidt, of Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire. He was arrested after failing a breathalyser.

The magistrates agreed that Mr Jeral, of Clifton Hampden, could not have been expected to know how much alcohol was in the food. He was fined £200, with costs of £20.

Big house price rises 'may have peaked'

House price rises may have peaked after increasing by 25 per cent throughout Britain in a year, the Halifax Building Society said yesterday.

Many regions had seen prices rise by more than 40 per cent in the year to last month, with property in East Anglia rising by 55 per cent.

However, the Halifax said the August 1 deadline for the ending of double tax relief for unmarried couples may have led to a big increase in the number of properties being bought, which further increased prices.

The figures were compared to before the big rise in mortgage rates from about 9.75 per cent to 11.5 per cent at the end of last month. Halifax said these factors should put a brake on price rises.

Prices rose by 27 per cent in London and by more than 30 per cent in the South-east. However, the so-called ripple effect meant the biggest rises were being seen in regions bordering the Home Counties.

Prices in the East and West Midlands and the South-west increased by more than [illegible] per cent. Increases in Yorkshire and Humberside, which were showing rises of around 5 per cent a few months ago, were increasing by up to 20 per cent. However, the rate in the other northern regions still lagged behind the rest of Britain.

The Halifax house price index showed the average home costs £63,600, with new homes costing an average of £73,000. The annual rate of increase was 24.1 per cent in June, compared with 15.8 per cent last December.

The rate of increase was the highest since 1979, when a rate of 29 per cent was recorded.

● Council tenants' rent arrears have increased by nearly 50 per cent in some areas after changes in housing benefit last April, according to a report published today by the Institute of Housing.

It says claims by the Government that the rise in arrears was caused by council rent rises are not true. Surveys in Leeds showed that 5% per cent of arrears were caused by the new regulations.

Asylum plea

A former Nigerian cabinet minister wanted in Nigeria on bribery charges appeared before Bow Street magistrates at an extradition hearing yesterday. Mallam Ali Makele, who is seeking political asylum in Britain, was remanded on £75,000 bail until September 1.

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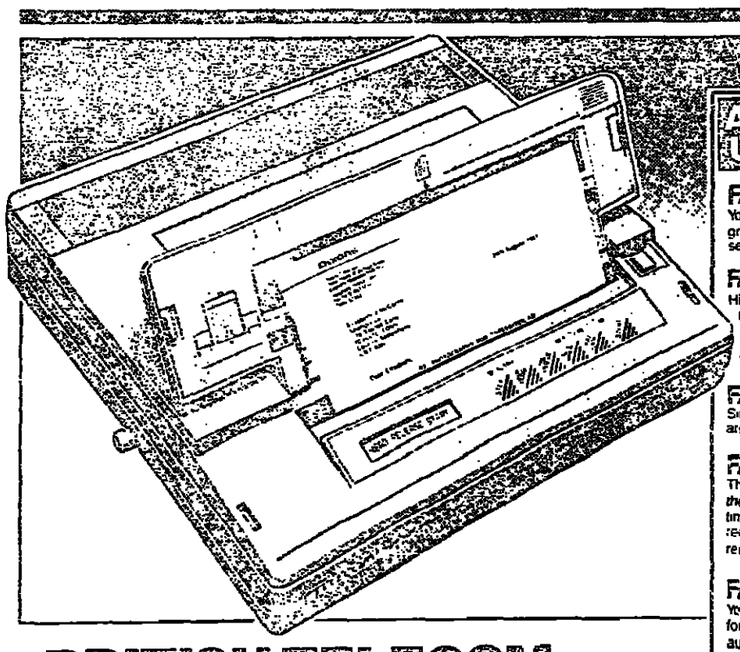

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Lambeth Conference: dealing with a thorny issue for African leaders

Bishops set conditions for baptism of polygamists

By Alan Wood

Polygamists and believing wives and children who wished to join the Anglican Church should be allowed to be baptised and confirmed, the Lambeth Conference decided yesterday at Canterbury.

The bishops were not making as significant a move as might appear because they were following what was already practised in some parts of Africa, as a result of approval by the dioceses, and also the 1973 decision of the Anglican Consultative Council. A century ago the 1888 Lambeth Conference took a very different view.

Yesterday's debate on the issue brought to the fore problems being faced now in Africa, involving the need to discipline those who were accepted into the Church and then took two or three or even more wives. It was pointed out that businessmen who became richer might wed several wives before seeking to join the church and accepting its gospel. Another determining factor was the wealth of the bride.

However, yesterday's resolution set out the following clear-cut conditions that:

- the polygamist shall promise not to marry again as long as any of his wives at the time of his conversion are alive
- the receiving of such a polygamist has the consent of the local Anglican community
- such a polygamist shall not be compelled to put away any of his wives, on account of the social deprivation they would suffer.

The conference resolution on the issue that was carried also upheld monogamy as God's plan and as the ideal relationship of love between husband and wife.

The Right Rev Christopher Senyonjo, Bishop of West Buganda, Uganda, successfully persuaded the conference to add to the resolution a proposal calling on provinces where the churches faced problems of polygamy to share information of their pastoral approach to Christians who become polygamists, so that the most appropriate way of disciplining and advising them could be found. The Anglican Consultative Council was also requested to facilitate the sharing of information.

The resolution was moved by **The Right Rev George Njuguna**, Bishop of Mount Kenya South, who said his father's mother was his grandfather's fourth wife. Polygamists were a small minority. Many were old and wished to become Christians. Polygamists had been advised by some Christians to send away all their wives except one if they wanted to be accepted into full membership of the Church. If they did that the wives and children would suffer unnecessarily.

The Most Rev Manasses Kuria, Archbishop of Kenya, said past Lambeth conferences had stated that such people should be banned from becoming members of the church. Under the present resolution, such people would receive Christ and not be forced to separate from their wives because of the social problems that would follow.

But Christians who took many wives should be disciplined because they had excommunicated themselves.

The Right Rev Akisoferi Wesonga, Bishop of Mbale, Uganda, upholding the resolution, contended the Church must have one standard; Christ was one.

The Right Rev William Rukirande, Bishop of Kigezi, Uganda, wanted the resolution to say that those already married in church, once they married a second or third wife, should be excommunicated or disciplined. He said there was the difficult problem of those already in the faith who, as they got richer, married more wives and wanted to remain in the church.

Their request to remain was questioned by Christians who wanted a real Christian marriage. However he withdrew his proposition when the conference approved the amendment on the sharing of information of disciplining.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaking yesterday at the Lambeth conference.

Aids 'offers lesson in faithfulness'

By Ruth Gledhill

Aids is not a punishment inflicted on homosexuals and drug addicts by God, the former Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, said yesterday.

Addressing the Lambeth Wives' Conference in Canterbury, Bishop Montefiore said the Church had almost failed to grasp the "enormous opportunity" offered by Aids to teach faithfulness and emotional commitment in relationships.

He criticized recent television advertisements about Aids that "divorced sexual activity from love and affection".

The bishop, who is former chairman of the board for social responsibility of the General Synod of the Church of England, said: "It is no good trying to get people to change their attitudes by fear. Here is an opportunity for positive teaching about the nature of love and affection."

He said many people in the developed world still thought the transmission of Aids was predominantly via homosexuals.

"Because of that, people have said it is the result of the wrath of God against homosexual practice. This view is not possible to sustain.

"We cannot say that God sends Aids as a punishment against fornication, prostitution or drug-taking. People may behave in a very promiscuous fashion and not be affected by Aids.

"Aids may be caused by contaminated blood in the most innocent way.

"It is not always easy for us to accept that there is an element of chance in life."

African 'qualified' to succeed Runcie

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, unexpectedly speculated on his successor yesterday when he specifically mentioned the Archbishop of Central Africa, the Most Rev Walter Makhulu, as a qualified candidate.

He was talking on the record to journalists in the light of Wednesday's debate at the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, which called for consultation with the other 26 Anglican primates before future Archbishops of Canterbury were appointed.

"There is a lot to be said for returning to a frequent custom in antiquity for archbishops to come from outside England", Dr Runcie said.

After suggesting that the diocese of Canterbury might be made smaller, to make the next Archbishop of Canterbury's job more manageable, he added: "I can think of a number of people, somebody like the Archbishop of Central Africa, who has been mentioned in all this speculation, and has had experience working in England. There are other people who have worked here in an English diocese."

The Archbishop of Central Africa received his theological education at the College of the Resurrection and St Andrew's College, Birmingham, and has a home in London.

One of the biggest barriers to the appointment of a non-British Archbishop of Canterbury would be the requirement that he should take an oath of loyalty to the Crown.

Dr Runcie indicated to the Lambeth Conferencethat he is unlikely to retire before his 70th birthday in October, 1991.

Armed struggle 'last resort'

The conference adopted a statement which did not condemn those who engaged in "armed struggle," but drew attention to the dangers. Its preference was for non-violence, civil disobedience and conscientious objection and it paid tribute to those who had highlighted the growing threat of militarism.

An amendment from the Irish bishops which would have qualified their sympathy for those engaged in "just revolution", by limiting it to self-defence, was defeated.

The resolution reaffirmed the 1930 Lambeth Statement that war as a method of settling international disputes was incompatible with the teaching and example of Christ. The bishops said that they understood those who "after exhausting all other ways, chose the way of armed struggle as the only way to justice, while drawing attention to the dangers and injustices possible in such action".

They preferred this to the original version, drawing attention to the danger of armed struggle "becoming an end in itself".

The Most Rev Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Capetown, said that in the resolution they were not asking the conference to condone or condemn. They were saying there were people who would state: "We have tried everything."

The churches clearly said that violence was evil — the Church's traditional position — but acknowledged that there would be circumstances when in extending the "just war" theory they would extend it to a "just revolution" situation.

The Church was not pacifist. Many churches glorified war. All they were saying in the resolution was that they understood when people said that this was the last resort.

'Too little help for digs on road sites'

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

The Ministry of Transport has been "quite irresponsible" in its provision for archaeological rescue work on sites to be destroyed by new roads, according to a leading archaeological society.

Professor Thurstan Shaw, president of the Prehistoric Society, has called attention to what he terms the "inadequacy" of the ministry's provision and notes that it "contributed hardly anything" to rescue work on the Dorchester bypass, although the landowners, contractors, developers and English Heritage all helped.

The allegations come in Professor Shaw's introduction to a Prehistoric Society report, *Saving Our Prehistoric Heritage: Landscapes Under Threat*, which assesses the danger and proposes a five-year plan to combat it.

"The development of prehistory as a conservation issue of public concern is crucial to the future of British archaeology", the report says.

There is inadequate perception of the fact that prehistoric sites "represent the sole source of our knowledge concerning half a million years of human endeavour and achievement", and that "once destroyed or damaged this information is irreplaceable".

Agriculture and forestry, together with extractive industries such as gravel-digging and building developments, including roads, are a big threat.

The society suggests that legal and physical protection for them needs to be increased. It also suggests that the importance of maritime sites, including prehistoric shipwrecks, should be recognized by greater legal protection.

The society's document proposes arousing public awareness of both the threat to and the achievements of archaeology in the field.

Its plan includes construction of a national environmental and landscape data base, and funding especially of archaeology in upland areas, wetlands, areas with preserved land boundaries, and sites from the earliest occupation of Britain more than 100,000 years ago.

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Hong Kong's silent majority defy call to consult

From Chris Pomery
Hong Kong

The television advertisement shows a middle class couple with two fat-cheeked children against a blue sky harbour backdrop. The slogan is couched in the imperative: "Get Involved. Get to Know the Basic Law."

Yet midway through the summer long consultation exercise to weigh public feeling on how China is drafting Hong Kong's post-1997 Constitution, only 800 submissions have been received. Leaders on the China appointed consultation committee think the response is rather encouraging.

"Eight hundred so far is acceptable," said Mr Shiu Sin-Por, deputy Secretary-General of the Consultative Committee for the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, abbreviated less breathlessly to BLPC. "No Constitution has ever been drafted in such a manner with such consultation", he adds.

Despite the document's manifest importance, few people in Hong Kong can get excited about public consultation any more. "The silent majority have become so silent and so large," observes Mr Joseph Cheng, lecturer in government and public administration at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. "Opinion is very much divided, which allows Peking and London to do very much what they want."

The political map has changed radically in the four years since Britain and China signed the Joint Declaration, the diplomatic agreement formalizing the transfer of sovereignty in 1997. Under the pressures of change and transition, political concensus has evaporated and political differences are often open and heated. To fill the breach, both the Hong Kong Government and Chinese officials have developed a new logic to the consultation process.

In the late 1970s, Hong Kong's non-elected Government turned public consultation into something of an art form. It pushed out policy position papers, clipped local newspapers, sounded out the elected municipal advisory boards, and then took executive decisions.

The system worked well for non-political topics. People argued and the Government usually followed the prevailing wind.

Since 1984 the wind has blown, increasingly strongly, from the north and the public consultation process has metamorphosed to deal with what the civil service politicians call "actual conditions".

Earlier this year the Hong Kong Government held its most important consultation exercise to date: how quickly should Hong Kong move towards the democratic system of representative government as promised in the Joint Declaration?

In 1984, when Britain and China were still stitching up their diplomatic transfer deal for 1997, a Government White Paper noted that most people wanted universal franchise elections to the legislature to begin in 1988. China voiced loud disapproval. Britain took a pace back. "Convergence", ensuring changes in the run-up to 1997 did not pre-empt China's plans, became the buzz word. This spring the Government concluded, after consultation and opinion polls, that public opinion was not unanimous and postponed partial direct elections until 1991, one year after China's draft Basic Law will be completed.

Professional pollsters criticized the Government's opinion polls for obfuscating the key question of the 1988 date. One appointed legislator asked why the Government tried to "camouflage its retreat" from a commitment to democracy. "The Hong Kong Government badly needs some kind of fig leaf to demonstrate its policy has the support of the publicm" Mr Cheng commented. "These incidents very considerably damaged the Government's sincerity in soliciting the public's view".

The BLPC secretariat appears to have refined colonial policy making procedures. As it does not recognize Hong Kong's elected municipal board, or the largely appointed legislature, members can only speak in a private capacity. No referendum or opinion poll will be taken on China's draft Constitution. "It would not provide a balance," claims Mr Shiu.

"Polling techniques are only valid for a short period of time for finding out television habits or consumer preferences. Our law has 172 Articles and will take five years to draft, so a polling of opinion in three weeks on certain issues would not be very useful."

Meanwhile, a draft Constitution is already shrouded in controversy. Critics claim Hong Kong's judicial independence after 1997 is in doubt and the common law may be stymied by constitutional challenges. The relationship between China's central Government and the future Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government appears weighted in Peking's favour. Key civil rights, supposedly guaranteed in the Joint Declaration, are included only as locally enacted legislation capable of repeal at any time.

"Perhaps the best way to understand the real politics of the Basic Law is to read it backwards," comments Mr Denis Chang, QC, former head of the Bar Association, highlighting dissention over the first post-1997 Administration. Where the Joint Declaration promised an elected legislature, China, backed by a strong local business caucus, inclines towards a strong executive and weaker legislature mainly appointed by a special selection committee.

Despite the evaporating concensus, there is a heavy irony in the low response to the BLPC. A similar exercise when the Joint Declaration was unveiled in 1984 attracted barely 1,800 submissions as Britain had warned Hong Kong the deal could not be redrafted.

The BLPC's Mr Shiu insists there are still two more years to go before the Basic Law draft will be completed.

Mr Cheng disagrees. "Peking's sincerity in consultation is certainly in doubt. People believe their views will not be seriously considered. If these are different from the vital interests of Peking and London we still will not get what we want."

Swedish leader denies Palme claims

From Christopher Mosey
Stockholm

Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the Swedish Prime Minister, yesterday confidently faced the toughest test of his political career when he testified before a public hearing on his Government's role in setting up a private inquiry into the assassination of his predecessor, Olof Palme.

Mr Carlsson denied that the Government had sanctioned the investigation by the socialist book publisher, Mr Ebbe Carlsson.

He said he found suggestions that he had anything to hide concerning the investigation "deeply insulting", pointing out his close relationship with Mr Palme and his trust in Sweden's democratic systems.

Mr Carlsson, speaking before the standing committee on the Constitution, a watchdog on power abuse that is known locally, with some hyperbole, as a Swedish equivalent of the US Senate hearings, hit back at his critics.

"I sanctioned nothing illegal," he said. "I don't see how we Social Democrats can be accused of being less concerned than others at seeing that justice is seen to be done in this country."

He promised that whoever was responsible for smuggling into Sweden illegal telephone tapping equipment as part of Mr Ebbe Carlsson's investigation would be brought to justice.

There could be no defence for such an act.

Mr Carlsson had asked to appear before the committee and obviously hoped that his performance, broadcast live on national television, would remove the "Ebbe Carlsson affair", as it is known here, as an issue in next month's general election.

He again staunchly defended Mrs Anna-Greta Leijon, the former Justice Minister, but criticized her for writing an introductory letter for Mr Ebbe Carlsson.

Mrs Leijon, who was forced to resign over the Ebbe Carlsson affair in June, also appeared before the committee yesterday, firmly denying that she sanctioned the investigation.

However, she admitted that she had made a mistake in writing the introductory letter, but said that she had paid for this with her resignation.

Ministers highlight failure of South African sanctions

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The combined effect of Commonwealth, EEC and United Nations measures has been to reduce South African exports to participating countries by 7 per cent, according to a report by a committee of foreign ministers, which met without British participation in Toronto to discuss South Africa.

Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and the United States reduced their combined imports from $3.39 billion (£1.99 billion) in 1985 to $2.18 billion in 1987.

But the lost trade for South Africa was partly made up by other countries. Italy, Japan, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey and West Germany were among countries which imported more during the same period. Japan increased the value of its imports by 44 per cent. The increase was worth $748 million. "We now know who is financing apartheid," Mr Luke Mwansashiku, the Zambian Foreign Minister, said. "Now we can attempt to persuade them not to."

Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, added: "We are going to be speaking to a range of countries to have them follow the leads the Commonwealth has taken. Existing sanctions are not biting enough. We have to tighten them."

But the meeting failed to adopt significant additional sanctions, despite statements by the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Mr Shridath Ramphal, that it had a responsibility to keep the Commonwealth in the vanguard against apartheid.

The ministers agreed to press for an international ban on buying South African coal, the second largest export after diamonds. But it was in no position to make such a ban effective, because Britain and West Germany have argued against it and Japan is the largest importer.

Other measures adopted included stricter Customs scrutiny, more thorough investigations of sanctions violations, and heavier penalties for those violating sanctions. The ministers said they would study the possibility of widening existing sanctions on agricultural products. They would also ask financial institutions not to increase trade financing to South Africa, and press Governments to prohibit new trade financing to South Africa.

Further evidence of the incompleteness of sanctions emerged at the Toronto meeting from an Oslo-based monitoring group. Mr Abdul Minty, director of the World Campaign Against Military and Nuclear Collaboration with South Africa, said that, despite an international arms embargo South Africa was able to buy most of the weapons it needed abroad, with the exception of fighter planes. These purchases now probably exceeded the $366 million it spent abroad on arms in 1983, he said.

The Commonwealth's first attempt to show that it can be effective even without British co-operation now seems to have achieved the opposite.

The Toronto meeting unintentionally demonstrated its irrelevance, in the view of observers. Its cautious and vague final statement is unlikely to alarm Pretoria, and barely managed to paper over differences between developed and developing nations.

As the ministers dispersed yesterday there was quiet satisfaction among Whitehall officials. Britain, which has never before boycotted a Commonwealth group, strongly opposed the formation of the committee but was outvoted at the heads of government conference in Vancouver last October.

Britain, which is South Africa's largest Commonwealth trading partner, mostly implements existing sanctions but refuses to approve new ones.

The Commonwealth committee consists of ministers from Canada, Australia, India, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Nigeria and Guyana, but was set up with the approval of all 48 countries except Britain.

● **Bishops' plea:** A call to the South African Government to review its legislation on conscientious objection was carried yesterday by Anglican bishops attending the Lambeth conference being held in Canterbury.

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Geneva talks progress

Geneva — Negotiations here on a south-western Africa settlement have been extended into today, with indications of some progress (Alan McGregor writes). No trace remains, it seems, of the indignation voiced by the Angolans and Cubans on Wednesday at South Africa's "tactics" in making public details of the proposal tabled by its delegation here on Tuesday.

Yesterday experts were discussing how the 14 principles for a settlement, agreed last month in New York, may be translated into treaty language. The Angolan-Cuban delegation has meanwhile put forward its own proposal, resembling the South African one, at least on troop withdrawals.

Test of faith in the Jordan

An American member of the congregation of Mr Jimmy Swaggart, the television evangelist who recently was disgraced, being baptized in the Jordan.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Tehran resumes tanker attacks

Gunboats yesterday fired at a Norwegian supertanker in the Gulf, the first apparent breach of an undertaking given by Iran to suspend shipping attacks while peace talks continue at the United Nations (Andrew McEwen writes).

But neither the US Government nor local shipping experts interpreted the incident as a resumption of the "tanker war". Mr Vernon Walters, the US Ambassador to the UN, described it as "a case of excessive zeal by a local commander" and expressed optimism that a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq would be achieved.

The 284,505-tonne Berge Lord, bound for Rotterdam with a cargo of crude oil from the Saudi Arabian terminal at Ras Tanurah, was attacked by about six gunboats but no one was hurt. In another raid yesterday, Iraqi jets bombed oil centres 60 miles inside south-western Iran.

● **BAGHDAD:** Iraq denied that its warplanes had dropped chemical bombs on an Iranian town (Reuter reports). The Iranian news agency had earlier said that the number of toxic gas casualties had risen to 1,700 after bombs were dropped by Iraqi jets on the Kurdish town of Oshnavieh.

Fire threatens resort

Belgrade (Reuter) — Aircraft and soldiers fought a forest and brush fire yesterday as it threatened to engulf the Yugoslav resort of Sibenik. Local radio called on citizens to join fire-fighting forces. About 100,000 tourists are in the area. One hotel official said the fire was about three miles away, and that they were prepared to evacuate holidaymakers.

● **TARRAGONA:** More than 1,000 fire-fighters were called in early yesterday to tackle forest fires which have forced the evacuation of 7,000 people in this Spanish region.

Deal on Contra aid

Washington — Democrats in the Congress, after days of haggling, have agreed a compromise for humanitarian assistance to the Nicaraguan Contras, with military assistance specifically excluded except under narrowly restricted circumstances (Christopher Thomas writes).

The deal means that Governor Michael Dukakis, the Democratic presidential candidate, and Senator Lloyd Bentsen, his conservative running mate, will be able to avoid highlighting their sharp and potentially embarrassing differences over assistance for the Nicaraguan rebels.

One-child rule eased

Peking (AFP) — Peasants in most of China's provinces are now allowed to have a second child — but only if the first is a girl, a Family Planning Commission spokesman said yesterday. The second child must not be born within four years of the first, and if a girl, the family cannot have a third.

China, the world's most populous country with about 1.1 billion people, introduced the one-child rule in 1978. But the policy has been far from successful among the country's 800 million peasants, many of whom ignore it.

Another shuttle delay

Washington — A critical test firing of the main engines of the space shuttle Discovery was aborted yesterday because of technical problems a split second before the exercise was due to begin (Mohsin Ali writes). Nasa has been struggling to get the manned space programme back on track after the Challenger shuttle disaster in 1986.

Nasa said a computer reported a valve problem and shut off the engines just before they were to ignite at Cape Canaveral in Florida — the fifth engine test postponment in two weeks. Another attempt may be made on Sunday morning.

Legacy of the Greenpeace bombing haunts Rocard

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

In a curious twist of fate, the Rainbow Warrior scandal is again haunting a Socialist Government in France. At the centre of events this time is Alain Mafart, one of the two secret service agents convicted of blowing up the Greenpeace flagship in July, 1985, on the orders of the previous Socialist administration.

For the past fortnight in Paris, a senior official from New Zealand has been striving to persuade the new Government of M Michel Rocard to send Mafart back to the South Pacific atoll of Hao to complete the sentence he was meant to serve there.

According to sources on both sides, the high-level talks have been "extremely delicate" and an acceptable solution to the problem that has bedevilled relations between the countries is not in sight.

The repatriation of Mafart, who then held the rank of major, on questionable medical grounds last November to boost the presidential election campaign of M Jacques Chirac, then Prime Minister, outraged New Zealand. The departure of the other saboteur on Hao, Dominique Prieur, for Paris a few months later, officially because of her pregnancy, added fuel to the fire.

The authorities in Wellington insist that France cynically flouted the terms of the UN-sponsored agreement under which the two agents would be held on Hao until June, 1989, unless both the governments agreed to their being moved. M Rocard appeared to take a similar view, denouncing M Chirac for "violating the promise France had given to New Zealand".

But today the same Greenpeace albatross is hanging around M Rocard's neck. With Wellington apparently resigned to "losing" Prieur, now five months pregnant, there is the greater determination to get Mafart back on Hao.

According to insiders, M Rocard — who, unlike M Chirac, gets on well with Mr David Lange, his opposite number in New Zealand — is ready to send Mafart packing.

Alain Mafart: Wrangle over returning him to atoll.

Le Monde reported that at a recent meeting between the two men, M Rocard spoke eloquently about the "honour of France" being at stake.

No such concerns are apparent, however, at the French Ministry of Defence, where there is said to be total opposition to giving way to pressure from Wellington.

Public opinion — as M Rocard well knows — was heavily in favour of M Chirac's unilateral decision to bring home the two agents. The French may have short political memories, but would they stomach a decision to "sacrifice" the loyal soldier Mafart a second time?

Holding the ring at the moment — with no great enthusiasm, one hears — is M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister. A skilful negotiator, he is said to be trying hard to convince the New Zealanders of the difficulties facing the present administration without offending Mr Lange's understandable concern over his country's dignity.

The latest leak from the Quai d'Orsay suggests that M Dumas may be en route for New Zealand with some "favourable commercial proposals". If Wellington evinces what sources here call "a certain understanding" about the Mafart affair, France will play ball at the EEC over the thorny issue of New Zealand's agricultural imports.

Reshuffle in Tunisia

Ben Ali sheds old guard

From Susan MacDonald, Tunis

The former President of Tunisia, Mr Habib Bourguiba, celebrated his 85th birthday this week without the pomp and ceremony that has surrounded the occasion for the last 30 years.

Mr Bourguiba — who, it is thought, could be a few years older than officially conceded — spent Wednesday quietly outside Tunis in the confines of the Mornag Palace. It has been placed at his disposal since he was removed from power last November — "like an over-ripe fruit" as one Tunisian commentator put it — while the man who took over as head of state, President Zine ben Ali, continues to unclog the rusty machinery that he inherited from the Bourguiba regime.

With much fanfare, the Tunisian press has been heralding the events of the past week — including a big government reshuffle and a high-profile conference of the ruling party — as the beginning of a new democratic era. But to scratch beneath the surface shows how carefully President ben Ali is proceeding along his democratic road.

The reshuffle, announced on the eve of the national party congress, is designed to reinforce the power of the President's own men while some of the old guard are gradually eased out. Three of the top men now are former Army generals: the President; the new Foreign Minister, Mr Abdelhamid Escheikh; and the Interior Minister, Mr Habib Ammar.

An opening towards outside forces is shown by the appointment of two non-party ministers: Professor Saadaddine Zmerli as Minister of Health, and Mr Habib Boulares, a writer, as the new Culture Minister. The professor was president of the Tunisian Human Rights League, an organization persecuted under the Bourguiba regime.

Mr ben Ali presided with his Prime Minister, Mr Hedi Baccouche, at the three days of soul-searching in the wilting heat among the vast gathering of the newly named Constitutional Democratic Rally party.

The difference in style from the old days was immediately apparent. The two men appeared like chairman and managing director at a large shareholders' meeting. With protocol swept aside they ploughed through the business of facing up to past mistakes and looking to the future.

However, despite assurances that he is President of all Tunisians, Mr ben Ali made it clear that he will not, as some had hoped, separate his presidential role from that of head of the ruling party. Nor will he as yet fulfil his promise of last November to hold national elections in the near future. Instead, the President will make do with partial legislative elections, involving some 35 parliamentary seats, probably early next year. The present legislative term does not end until 1991, but the National Assembly is composed entirely of ruling party deputies, elected under fraudulent conditions in 1986.

Mr ben Ali has launched the idea of a debate on a national pact for governing Tunisia at which all political and trade union organizations have been invited to participate. If discreet negotiations now taking place with the outlawed Islamic Fundamentalist Party (MTI) are successful, they too would be included.

The MTI, with a wide grassroots following, was the main threat in the last years of the Bourguiba regime. Its continued ability to preach against the regime in the mosques and organize public demonstrations — despite the hunting down and imprisonment of its leaders — proved its strength.

Now President ben Ali has released the so-called moderate leaders in an attempt to bring them into the fold, while retaining those belonging to a military MTI wing.

Positive changes have yet to be translated into reality. Unemployment and rising prices remain the over-riding problems. Western observers feel that if the reforms are to filter through, the President must dismantle Tunisia's crippling bureaucracy and change the conditioned mentality of those in charge.

Hollywood cameras set to roll again as strike ends

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

Hollywood is breathing a sigh of relief as one of its longest and most bitter strikes, which crippled the town and brought the film community to its knees, appears to be over.

After 150 days of on-again off-again neogotiations, the Writers' Guild of America has finally reached a tentative agreement with the town's film producers to end a strike that had cost them millions of dollars in lost assignments.

During the bitter battle Hollywood was paralysed, actors sat idly by, and producers and writers were at each others' throats.

The 9,000-strong guild is expected to ratify the deal over the weekend and to be back at the film studios on Monday. The writers' walkout affected more than 200 film and TV producers, and led to the layoff of more than 20,000 employees in Hollywood, causing financial hardship to thousands of others.

It also forced the leading American TV networks, which produce shows such as *Dynasty*, *Dallas* and *Moonlighting*, to push back the start of their new season two to three months.

When the agreement is ratified by members — and that appears certain — Hollywood will again get into full gear to begin a new boom in film and TV production and catch up on time lost. Leading stars such as Peter Falk, Lou Gossett and Burt Reynolds have been waiting for scripts to start their new shows.

The end of the strike came with such suddenness that even Hollywood was taken by surprise. Last week marathon talks had ended in deadlock again and the future looked bleak for a town that survives on the film and TV industry. The breakthrough came after an all-night bargaining sessions which resolved the seemingly intractable dispute over residuals to writers for shows sold overseas, which had been the biggest stumbling block.

Many striking writers believe they will not benefit as much as they had hoped when the strike began on March 7. One said: "We've lost a fortune over the past five months, but sometimes you have to stand your ground on a matter of principle ... this was a costly time for us, but if we had held out much longer it might have killed us all."

Brian Walton, the British-born chief writers' negotiator, said that the new contract was "enormously" better than the one the producers had originally offered.

At a press conference after news of the settlement had been made public, he admitted that he expected some members to feel "some disappointment" with the deal after their long strike. "There were a lot of human reasons in the negotiators' decision (to settle).

The time was right to make a deal," he said. But to the millions deprived of their favourite shows, the final agreement probably means very little.

Under the current system, a writer's residual for a one-hour show is about $16,000 (£9,400). Under the new system it could be as low as half that for a show with weak syndicated sales, or 50 per cent more for a hit.

On the expanding market for residuals, shows sold to foreign countries, writers won the right to choose during the contract life between the current system — which pays up to $4,400 for a one-hour show — or a new formula which would pay 1.2 per cent of foreign sales as long as that was not less than 85 per cent or more than 130 per cent of the current residual fee.

Warning shots fired as wave of protest meets Burma curbs

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Burmese soldiers fired warning shots to control thousands of protesters in Rangoon yesterday, just 24 hours after the imposition of martial law.

Thousands gathered to protest against restrictions on freedom and a worsening in living standards, according to Western diplomats in the Burmese capital.

No casualties were reported but few details of the protests have yet filtered through the strict censorship.

The state radio broadcast announcements warning the public that martial law was in force and would remain so for an indefinite period. Effective action would be taken to prevent disturbances, the radio said.

The protests are directed at Burma's one-party political system and particularly at the new national leader, U Sein Lwin, the former general who has been in power for only one week. There were reports of the unrest spreading to other areas. Anti-government rallies have been reported in Mandalay, Moulmein and other urban areas.

A diplomat who witnessed yesterday's protests in Rangoon said there were about 10,000 in one group of demonstrators. They held up traffic near the Sula Pagoda in the city centre but dispersed after soldiers fired into the air. The Army appeared to be out in force, he said.

Many of the people on the streets were students, he said, but people of all ages had joined the protest. However, many citizens stood on the pavement, apparently too scared to step into the roadway with the demonstrators, he added.

Martial law has not been applied in Rangoon for 14 years. The authorities said it was enforced because local security units could not control the situation. It was probably also prompted by the nationwide strike and other protests planned for next Monday.

Universities and other places of higher education have been closed by the authorities for six weeks.

Diplomats say that if the campuses were open now a revolution might be inevitable.

Martial law has been in force in Prome, north of Rangoon, for three weeks.

The Government said the situation there was out of control.

General Ne Win, the former leader, resigned two weeks ago after 26 years in power and was succeeded by his security chief, U Sein Lwin, aged 64.

His appointment immediately increased already serious civil unrest. He is chiefly blamed for years of repression and for the deaths of more than 200 people in riots in March and June.

The riot police, who are under his direct control, have been accused of raping, torturing and killing detainees. Their brutality has earned them the hatred of the Army and caused divisions within the previous Government.

U Sein Lwin's decision to use the Army in this martial law operation will be a severe test of its loyalty to the new regime.

The state radio yesterday denied reports in some Western newspapers that U Sein Lwin was wounded in an attempt on his life last Friday. A few hours after the alleged assassination attempt security police arrested 11 prominent men who are being held for activities allegedly detrimental to the nation.

Happy landing for seaman

A Filipino seaman being helped from a helicopter in Fremantle, Western Australia, on his way to hospital after 29 days adrift on a life raft. He and five fellow crew survived on a biscuit and half a glass of water each a day, after their ship, the Singasi, broke up in heavy seas.

Malaysia power struggle

Mahathir survives but rivals prepare new poll offensive

From Gavin Bell, Kuala Lumpur

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, has survived a bruising battle with political rivals and recalcitrant senior judges. But the power struggle is far from over and his opponents are massing for another attack in an important by-election this month.

The outcome will be crucial to Dr Mahathir's political future, and to the stability of the multiracial society he has governed with a firm hand for seven years.

The Prime Minister's troubles began last year when he faced an unprecedented challenge for the leadership of the ruling United Malays National Organization from his then Trade and Industry Minister, Mr Razaleigh Hamzah. He won that contest by a narrow margin, but in February the party was declared illegal by the High Court on the ground that some of its branches were not properly registered.

Since then Dr Mahathir has reconstituted the organization by the simple expedient of adding the suffix Baru (new), but his leadership is being contested in the courts and at the polls. The embroglio has involved the suspension of the head of the Supreme Court and five of his colleagues for alleged "misbehaviour", the arrests of more than 40 dissidents, and discord between King Mahmood Iskandar and the state sultans from among whom he was elected for a five-year term.

The King, who is also the Sultan of Johore, is accused of being prominent in moves to subdue the judges' alleged political bias against the Government, and some of his brother sultans do not like this.

In a country where rumours are deemed to be true until proved otherwise, there have been persistent reports that some of the hereditary rulers have been agitating for the King to abdicate and emergency rule to be declared.

Neither seems likely, but the conflict has destroyed Malaysia's traditions of political compromise and of absolute loyalty to the chief. As a result, the danger of strife transcends politics and raises the spectre of racial tensions between the predominant Malay community and the minority Chinese and Indians.

Dr Mahathir has acted firmly to stifle dissent and to reconstitute Malay political power under his new party banner, with limited success.

Dr Mahathir: Acted firmly to stifle dissent.

In the process, he has drawn criticism from international human rights and judicial organizations. A prominent critic is Mr Param Cumaraswamy, the immediate past president of Malaysia's Bar Council. "As a result of this rampage against the courts, we no longer have an independent judiciary," he said. "I think what we'll end up having is regime judges, a judiciary made to measure."

The essence of the complex struggle for power is that it is no more than that. There appears to be no significant differences over ideologies or policies. It is purely an issue of personal rivalry.

But there is considerably more at stake than Dr Mahathir's future. At risk is the ruling party itself, which is a moderate national movement, rather than just a political party. A permanent split would inevitably break it up into contentious factions and open the door to left-wing groups and racial and religious extremists.

Bangkok — General Chatichai Choonhavan, one of Thailand's most experienced politicians, was appointed Prime Minister last night, the first elected MP to hold the post for 12 years (Neil Kelly writes).

He was senior Deputy Prime Minister in the last Government. General Chatichai said he hoped to form a new coalition, which would include representatives of six parties, in the next day or two.

The turmoil is viewed with concern in neighbouring Singapore, where an analyst said: "We are worried about events in Malaysia, since we depend on a stable government and a strong economy north of the canseway. Our interests are served by the continuing rule of Umno with moderate leaders at the helm, and a united Malay population behind them."

The political uncertainty has not so far affected the Malaysian economy, which is recovering from a recession in 1985. Gross domestic product is expected to grow by more than 6 per cent this year, compared with 4.7 per cent last year, putting the country back on track for its goal of becoming a newly industrialized economy by the end of the century.

The first important electoral test for Dr Mahathir's new party is on August 25 in Johore Bahru, capital of the southern Johore state. Mr Shahrir Samad, the former Welfare Minister and an outspoken critic of the Prime Minister, forced the by-election by resigning the seat which he has held for three terms. He will now contest it as an independent.

He said this week it would be the first of a series of attempts to wrest power from Dr Mahathir: "The by-election is the only avenue left for bringing about change. It is just the first step, it will be followed by elections in other constituencies."

Chile deals blow to envoys' immunity

From A Correspondent, Santiago

The Chilean Supreme Court has ruled that two West German diplomats may be investigated in a criminal suit, arousing fears in embassies here that their diplomatic immunity may be in jeopardy.

The nation's highest court said that Herr Hans Ulrich Spohn and Herr Horst Kriegler of the West German Consulate may be tried for "violating the rights of privacy" of a German resident living in the Colonia Dignidad community in the southern town of Parral.

The ruling brought near unanimous condemnation from foreign diplomats.

The West German Embassy sent a strongly worded protest note to the Chilean Government, expressing concern over the ruling, which "contradicts the Vienna Convention of 1961 guaranteeing diplomats immunity from prosecution".

"The objective is to know whether the Chilean Government is going to respect international law or not," Herr Dieter Haller, the West German Consul, said. "Any limits on our freedom to complete our work will be unfavourable to our relations." The Chilean Government assured the diplomatic corps in statements released to the press that Chile will abide by the Vienna Convention, but the court ruling effectively exposes foreign diplomats to prosecution.

On Tuesday almost all the ambassadors accredited in Santiago met at the Papal Nuncio's office in the city to discuss the situation. The Germans have asked the United Nations to look into the matter.

Sources in the British Embassy said the case sets a precedent which hypothetically exposes all diplomats to possible prosecution by Chilean courts. Other diplomats hinted that the issue could develop into a conflict with the Chilean Government.

"Diplomatic immunity allows our mission here to be completed, and I do not believe any state would accept the loss of that immunity," the French Ambassador, M François Mouton, said.

The conflict stems from the West German Government's investigation last May of the secretive Colonia Dignidad community in Parral. A delegation from the Embassy went to the colony to investigate reports of torture, sexual abuse and kidnapping against some of the 300 residents of the community who are German citizens.

Numerous ex-residents have described the mysterious colony as a concentration camp-style relic from the Nazi era whose leader, Herr Paul Schäffer, holds members there against their will. According to Amnesty International and other human rights organizations the Chilean secret police also used the colony as a torture centre.

Herr Spohn and Herr Kriegler are accused by the family of one colonist, Herr Jurgen Szurgelies, after the diplomats inquired into his escape from the colony. The family say the inquiries violated their privacy.

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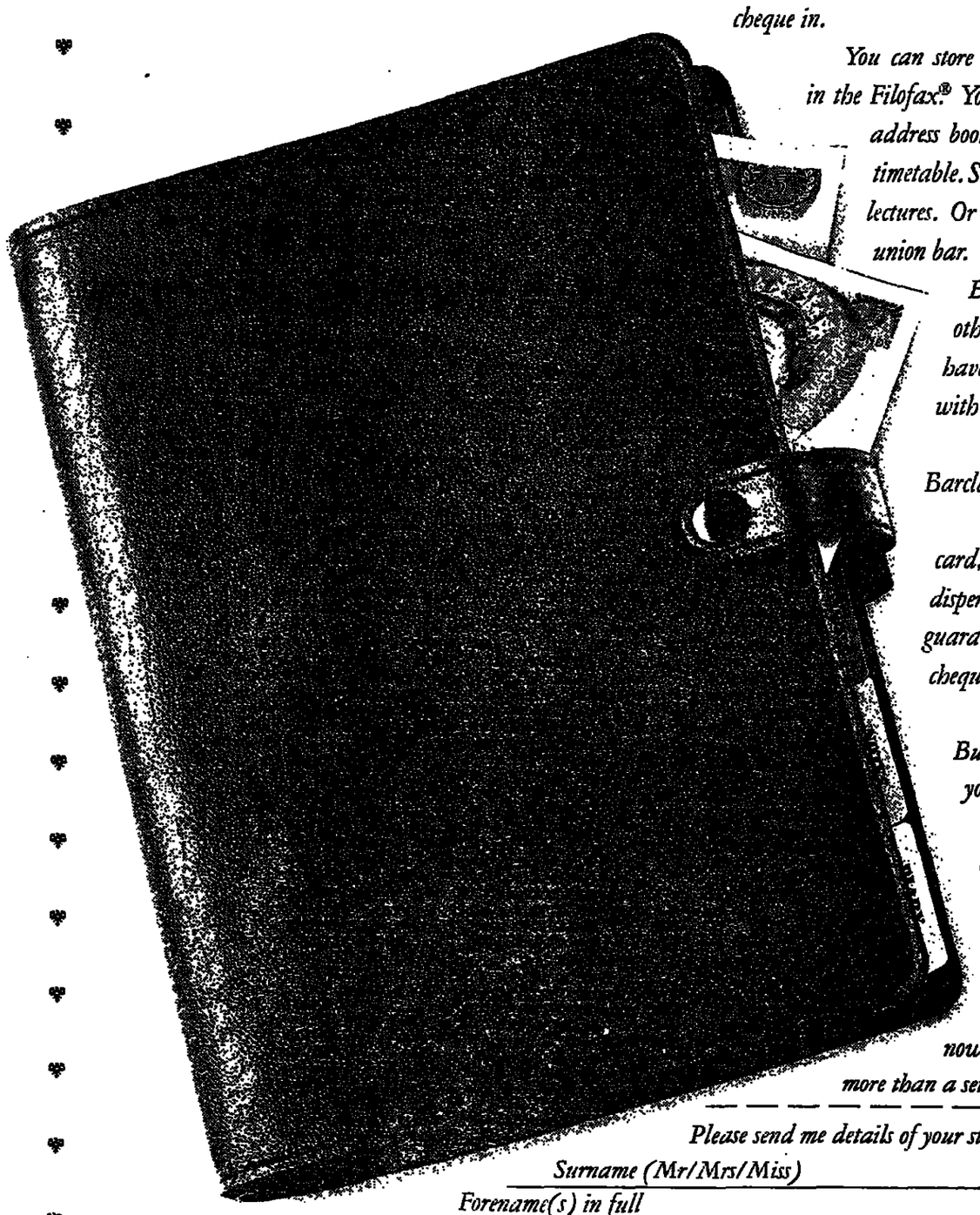

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Arab pay halted as Jordan acts on West Bank plan

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Jordan yesterday took the first concrete step towards implementing King Husain's declaration that he was severing all "administrative and legal ties" with the West Bank, announcing that it was stopping the salaries of more than 20,000 Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied area.

In an official announcement in Amman yesterday, Jordan said the salaries it has been paying to teachers, hospital workers and other civil servants ever since Israel occupied the West Bank in June 1967 would be halted as of August 16.

Full pensions would be paid to employees who had worked for the Jordanian Government for 20 years or more, the Government said. Those who had worked for less than 15 years would get severance pay of one month's salary for each year worked.

Israeli officials say the actual number likely to be badly affected will be relatively small, around 5,000, as most of those drawing salaries from Jordan are also being paid by the Israeli civil administration in the West Bank, which employs some 4,000 local residents.

Initial Israeli reaction to this latest development was muted, with the Prime Minister's office dismissing it as "an internal Jordanian affair", and noting that Israel had never asked Jordan to pay the salaries in the first place.

Some Israeli analysts were still insisting that King Husain's latest moves were essentially tactical and designed to put pressure on the West Bank Palestinians in the hope that they would demand Jordanian involvement in the occupied West Bank.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, rejected a demand by the ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party that Israel respond to the political vacuum by immediately annexing the area. "Such a move would subject us to tremendous international pressure," Israel radio quoted Mr Shamir as saying.

Mr Ariel Sharon, a leading member of Mr Shamir's own Likud Party, also suggested that Israeli law should be applied at least to those parts of the West Bank inhabited by Jews and sparsely populated by Arabs.

In Arab east Jerusalem, Jordan's decision to halt salaries appears to have been received with the same fatalistic indifference yesterday as King Husain's earlier pronouncement this week.

"What does it matter what the King does?" said Louis, an east Jerusalem pharmacist in his early 50s. He has long resigned himself to the King's absence from the West Bank, and allowed his own Jordanian passport to lapse some 20 years ago. He now holds an Israeli passport, claiming that some 40 per cent of his fellow Palestinians in east Jerusalem do the same.

Louis conceded that the move would cause some hardship. But almost nine months of the Palestinian uprising has brought financial hardship to hundreds of thousands of shopkeepers and simple labourers. Not too many tears are about to be shed for the civil servants.

Earlier this week, street reaction in east Jerusalem to King Husain's decision last weekend to sever ties with the West Bank was one of overwhelming indifference.

"Who needs the King?" said Adnan, a Palestinian taxi driver at a stand near the Damascus gate.

"In any case," he said, "I don't think he is being really serious – and if he is, so what? Let him come back if he wants to. Let Yassir Arafat (the PLO chairman) come. Let Yitzhak Shamir come. Let (Rabbi) Meir Kahane (leader of the anti-Arab Kach movement) come. It is all one to us."

Fifty yards further on, leaning against a stone balustrade outside the Damascus gate, Yazid, a student aged 20, was similarly fatalistic.

"Yes, the King has deserted us, but who cares? True, he might make life a bit more difficult for us. For instance, I have family in Jordan. But I haven't seen them for 10 years, as it is almost impossible for anyone under 35 to visit Jordan – the Israelis insist that anyone younger than 35 can return from Jordan only after six months, while the Jordanians only allow us to stay for a month."

Both Adnan and Yazid were unconcerned about the possibility that King Husain may revoke the Jordanian passports held by West Bankers.

Adnan is quite content to stay put in east Jerusalem and take what comes, while Yazid has not even bothered to apply for a Jordanian passport.

A Palestinian journalist in east Jerusalem said: "It is not the younger people ... who are concerned about King Husain's intentions. It is the older ones, particularly the big farmers and industrialists, whose major markets lie in Jordan and the Arab states beyond, who are worried. They would be economically ruined if, for example, the King decided to place obstacles in the way of West Bank commerce."

Murphy in Lebanon talks

Mr Richard Murphy, the US Assistant Secretary of State, accompanied by bodyguards, yesterday leaving the house of Dr Salim al-Hoss, Lebanon's acting Prime Minister. Mr Murphy arrived in Beirut unexpectedly after two days of Middle East peace talks in Geneva.

Social fabric of war-ravaged Beirut left hanging by a thread

From Robert Fisk
west Beirut

Beirut's survival is supposed to be a miracle. Cynics might call it a curse. But Mr Georges Samaha, aged 49, sits in his hot little office above the traffic jams of Barbir and explains it all away with the enthusiasm of a true bureaucrat. As governor of the world's most ravaged and most dangerous city, there can be few mayors or city officials who would want his job – not least because inflation has reduced his salary from an average of £1,600 a month to about £160.

He knows only too well that the social fabric of Beirut hangs by a very narrow thread. In west Beirut's largest police district, only two of the regular mobile street patrols can be maintained because the constabulary has run out of money to buy petrol for its armoured vehicles. The power stations supply electricity for only 12 hours a day – even then, most consumers steal power by hooking their own electricity lines to the national grid.

Because the fire brigade has not been allowed to recruit employees for 15 years, most of the city's firemen are middle-aged.

A commandant in the police force now earns only £70 a month, while this month's payroll for Beirut's 5,500 public servants accounts for more than twice the city's annual income. Mr Samaha's city revenue authorities take in only £333,000 because private militias have creamed off the rest in illegal taxes. The budget for the city of Beirut this year is £6 million; the near-bankrupt central Government provides a subvention to make up the difference.

The infrastructure of local government is in pieces. Mr Samaha's department, for example, still has to pay the salaries of about 450 slaughterhouse workers, even though the slaughterhouse was blown up in the early fighting of the civil war more than a decade ago. Since the central post office was destroyed, the postal system has collapsed.

Mr Samaha and his colleagues have, however, devised an ingenious system of taxes by fining property speculators for illegal construction. Their method of collection has a special beauty of its own. Beirut's entrepreneurs have regularly abused planning restrictions on construction, sometimes illegally adding as many as 10 floors to their apartment blocks. By law, they also have to provide parking facilities for tenants at the rate of one garage for every 125 square yards of apartment space. None has done so for 14 years.

Now Mr Samaha's city officials are levying fines against the speculators – £500 for every garage that has not been built. If the building's owner does not comply, his water and electricity are cut off and he is refused permission to take tenants. The fines may seem pitifully small, but in a city suffering from a national economic collapse it at least helps to pay salaries.

But Mr Samaha's biggest problem is the city's refuse collection. The refuse treatment facilities are in the Christian eastern sector of Beirut, but the Phalangists will not allow refuse lorries from the Muslim west of the city to cross the "green line" with their daily haul of 400 tons of rubbish.

At first the refuse was deposited on the Normandie Beach near the port – until it drifted out to sea and washed up on the shores of Syria, Turkey and Cyprus. When a new dump was opened at Khalde, the refuse lorries broke down in the mud. Now the Lebanese are dumping again at Normandie Beach, yet the streets of west Beirut are still littered with piles of excrement.

The authorities are no more immune from the travails of daily life than the citizens of Beirut. At the Hobeish police station in the Hamra district, the telephones rarely work. When they do, they often carry threats and personal abuse from the families of arrested men. Commandant Selim, sitting in his ground floor office in a flowered shirt and wearing a gold bracelet and a thick gold ring inset with a black stone on his right hand, was wistful about his problems.

"Every time we arrest someone, we get threatened," he said. "But we pay no attention. The law is the law." Up to a point. While we were talking, a young policeman reported that a fight had broken out between gamblers at a local casino. The commandant announced judiciously that he would probably call by to the scene of the crime on the following day. "The men involved have important friends," he said. The point was taken.

Yet the police are back on the streets of west Beirut, albeit with the help of the Syrian Army. Commandant Selim's daily case file would be familiar in any police station: a housemaid who had stolen her employer's jewellery; an Egyptian woman who had lost her passport; and two men thrown into the Hobeish jail for running an illegal pavement stall.

But car theft is endemic. "The files just pile up," as one of the commandant's men put it blandly. There is no car insurance in Lebanon and most car theft victims still report the loss of their vehicles – if only to avoid arrest if they are used as car bombs. Beirut continues in this crippled fashion with few friends. "No-one has asked to be twinned with Beirut yet," Mr Samaha said. But he was laughing.

Militant Hindu killed in hospital

Chandigarh (Reuter) – Three suspected Sikh separatists killed a hardline Hindu leader while he was recovering from a car crash in hospital at Ludhiana in Punjab.

The gunmen shot Mr Tej Pal Sathi, the leader of a breakaway faction of Shiv Sena, a militant Hindu organization, as he lay in bed. His bodyguard was also killed.

Agent cleared

Delhi (AP) – A magistrate dropped the charges against Mr Win Chadha, the Indian agent for the Swedish arms firm Bofors, who is a central figure in corruption accusations against Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Government.

Spy released

Geneva (Reuter) – Mr Jean-Louis Jeanmaire, a former Swiss brigadier convicted of treason, was released after serving 12 years of an 18-year sentence for giving defence secrets to the Soviet Union.

Court battle

Dhaka – Dr Kamal Hussain, a former Foreign Minister, and another lawyer filed petitions in the Bangladeshi High Court challenging President Ershad's decision to decentralize the court.

Three crushed

Brisbane (Reuter) – A concrete slab killed three people, including a boy, aged five, when it fell 20 ft from an Australian building site.

Terror treaty

Strasbourg (AFP) – Greece has ratified a European convention against terrorism designed to simplify the extradition of people charged with terrorist acts.

Kabul blast

Moscow (Reuter) – A lorry packed with explosives exploded in a Kabul vegetable market. Tass said three people were killed and nine wounded.

Credit account

Miami (AP) – A couple arrested and falsely accused by a department store in Florida of shoplifting were awarded $2.25 million (£1.32 million) damages by a jury.

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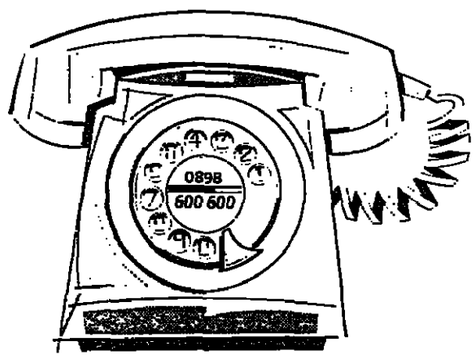

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SPECTRUM

Thrown by the rubbish heap

The streets of our cities are paved with rubbish despite the Litter Act, passed 30 years ago on Sunday. Tom Bower wonders why we seem to be incapable of keeping Britain tidy

DENZIL MCNEELANCE

A load of old rubbish: Piccadilly Circus, one of London's most famous sites, with a coating of empty cans and waste paper

Among the unannounced benefits for future tourists speeding towards Paddington station from Heathrow airport on the proposed fast rail link will be a delayed introduction to the most rubbish-infested streets of Europe. The foreigners' respite will be temporary. London's streets, they will discover, like most British cities', are pock-marked by discarded newspapers, cigarette and sweet wrappers, dogs' excrement, mounds of split plastic bags dumped by shop owners, and the colourful debris of fast-food chains.

If by chance they talk to Elkanah Bissick, a 56-year-old Jamaican who has spent six years pushing a broom along the gutters in Soho, they will hear an exasperated explanation for the plague: "Throwing everything on to the streets is the way of life in England."

Although it is 30 years since the first legislation to punish litter louts was passed by Parliament, conditions have indisputably worsened. Few complainants, however, blame the law, despite its obvious inadequacies. Rather, the responsibility for the filth is levelled at the failure of the police, local councils, and politicians. In turn, they blame British society's refusal to condemn the offenders as criminals. "Persuasion rather than law enforcement," the Home Office minister told Parliament, "is the solution". His answer reflected the Prime Minister's opinion that a change of society's attitudes rather than rigorous enforcement of laws is the exclusive panacea.

Two years ago, Mrs Thatcher publicly joined the sufferers and protesters. On her return from Jerusalem, the Prime Minister's Press office expostulated that she had found her drive from Heathrow to be a stomach-wrenching experience. Her instant solution was the appointment of Richard Branson to head UK2000, which was supposedly entrusted with the task of cleaning up Britain. Ever since, the tycoon has protested that, despite the hype, his real chore was to create employment, not to supplement the work of local councils. Yet for the first time in recent history, public hygiene was no longer an issue reserved exclusively for cranks.

"What has been so frustrating for us," comments Professor Graham Ashworth, the director general of the Tidy Britain Group (formerly Keep Britain Tidy), "is the lack of proper information about the subject. Because the rest of Europe does not behave like us, they have never had to find out why people are so resolutely dirty outside their homes."

Ashworth's assumptions go to the heart of the argument: Britain generally, compared with the rest of Europe, is arguably not very clean. Graffiti, vandalism, and shoddy workmanship are peculiarly British diseases which many suspect bear a direct relationship to littered streets. Symptomatically, dustmen in Britain are at the bottom of the social scale.

Britain enjoys the highest junk food consumption in Europe. Implicitly, those consumers reveal less interest in their personal health and are therefore less likely to care about cleanliness — hence the polystyrene packs on the pavements.

For many, the fast-food industry is the most evident villain but, not surprisingly, the industry itself is aggressively defensive: "We don't create the litter, it's the public," says Corryne Reed, the spokeswoman for McDonald's. The company does acknowledge that pavements strewn with cast-off McDonald's boxes are a "negative image". To remove that blot, McDonald's outlets dispatch "trash walkers", although their hunt is limited to the immediate vicinity and is exclusively concentrated on their own wrappers. Reed is coy about McDonald's expenditure on litter collection: "We don't need to throw out the amount we spend."

Julian Coppock of Kentucky Fried Chicken was once more amenable: "We're doing a lot," he insists. His company has sponsored a litter campaign with prizes worth £2,000 — a limited but strategic investment for a business which enjoyed a £90 million turnover last year.

The new industry has, however, created a strange paradox. Unilaterally, the fast-food shops have imposed upon their staff the most rigorous hygienic standards — considerably higher than the public health authorities or famous restaurants have ever demanded — yet what happens beyond their doors is universally of only philanthropic concern.

But even these token gestures are repulsed by the drinks' manufacturers. Although Coca-Cola advertisements promote a clean life-style, Ian Muir, an executive with the company, says that "litter is caused by people and we feel no responsibility". Asked why the glitzy adverts could not also promote careful disposing of the can, Muir recites every other manufacturer's reaction: "We've no need to disassociate ourselves from the negative." Emphatically, Britain's drink industry is cool about two highly successful anti-litter initiatives in the United States.

Legislation in six States has fixed a compulsory 10 cent deposit on cans. Offering a guaranteed inducement for children and tramps has cleared New York's streets forever of crumpled metal. But David Pritchard for Schweppes condemns the ruse as "demeaning" since it would "artificially" increase prices. In unison with other manufacturers, he argues that the shops would refuse to handle the empty cans just as they refused to handle returnable bottles — blaming the lack of space and administrative costs. "It's a disproportionate burden to everyone," Pritchard says. "And the rest of the rubbish is still there."

What truly reveals the industry's unwillingness to cure an evil of their own making is the reluctance to use a non-detachable ring-pull on cans. On pulling, the lid, still fixed to the can, goes inside the container instead of irretrievably on to the streets or into the grass. Muir of Coca-Cola was certain that it was unacceptable in Britain: "The consumers dislike it; ladies find it hard to open; and it is unhygenic because it goes into the drink." But Muir could not satisfactorily explain why those disadvantages did not apply to the Coca-Cola Corporation in the United States, where the non-detachable ring-pull is practically standard.

The introduction of the environmental can in America was a victory won by pressure groups. Over 20 years Roger Powers, the director of Keep America Beautiful, has campaigned to "talk up the issue and to kill that attitude, 'It isn't mine so its fine'." America, with its "poop-scoopers" has certainly become cleaner. Cleanliness in British cities has meanwhile decreased.

The only professional investigation into Britain's sickness was carried out by the permanent Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution which in December 1985, specifically noted: "It is no exaggeration to say that many urban areas have a dirty, scruffy appearance." The commission blamed both public attitudes and the amateurism of waste collection. A visit to West Germany produced a list of recommendations that central government should direct local authorities to adopt: street bins should be regularly emptied; dustbins with fixed lids which are mechanically tipped into lorries should be used, to forestall the dustman creating more litter for the street cleaner; and the status of waste management should be enhanced.

To the commission's chagrin, the Department of Environment rejected the report. Pleading impotence and lack of funds, the government claimed that domestic rubbish was a local authority responsibility. For the experts, it was a cynical excuse, since the government has powers, under Section 4 of the 1983 Amendment to the Litter Act, to order councils to publish their plans for clearing litter in their area — a measure which would certainly compel improvements. Left-wing boroughs such as Camden Council, which now sweeps most residential streets barely once every month, would need to fulfil their prime and realizable tasks, to provide a litter-free borough.

Compulsion is the only panacea, according to Bill Coombes, Westminster City Council's area manager in Soho's "Chinatown", with 31 years service in the rubbish industry. Coombes, who laments his low professional status, blames the shopkeepers: "They just keep throwing their rubbish on to the pavements and there's nothing we can do." Round-the-clock collection in Westminster barely keeps pace with the outflow. "I warn the shopkeepers but they ignore me." Throughout his career, Coombes has heard of only one prosecution: "Ten years ago, a policeman took someone to court in St John's Wood. We all thought it was the start of something, but it never happened again."

Since the Litter Act was passed in 1958, only 14,000 people have been convicted nationally. Scotland Yard's spokesman explained that their officers rarely prosecuted offenders because there are more important crimes to pursue.

To date, the cure relies on the efforts of dedicated mavericks like Lady Porter, the leader of London's Westminster Council, who has declared "a guerilla war against those who don't care". It was a measure of public indifference that even the reporting of her efforts presented the image of an eccentric rather than a resolute campaigner. "Keeping London's streets clean," she said, "is a non-stop struggle and we need new measures." In March, with noticeable lack of popular support, Parliament granted the council powers to employ a 50-man force of plain clothes inspectors to tour central London issuing penalty tickets to unrepentant offenders. So far just one ticket has been issued but "hundreds of offenders have agreed to pick up their litter when approached by the warden," according to the council. If the punishment was as effective as the wheel clamp on illegal parking, the capital might look forward to cleaner times.

The business of getting Britain clean will be forever paralysed by tokenism, however well-intentioned. This week's appointment in Nottingham of a single litter warden at an annual salary of £7,500 bares little comparison, according to Ashworth, with the funds available for the causes of other major health risks: "I want a massive television campaign. If they can do it for Aids, they can do it for litter." Equating the two might seem far-fetched, until he mentions the cause of the fatal fire at the Bradford football stadium.

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Victims of prejudice

Why should seeking psychiatric treatment still be considered a handicap on the career ladder?

GRAHAM WOOD

Keeping his head: presidential contender Michael Dukakis

One of the most powerful men in the world admits to a medical history which includes bowel and skin cancer. The man after his job may or may not have been treated for depression after a bereavement in 1973 and a career disappointment 10 years ago.

Yet no one is making a scandal of whether President Ronald Reagan's age and fitness problems disqualify him for the job. However, the debate over Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis's alleged psychiatric treatment will not go away.

The suggestion being made by Dukakis's detractors is that depression is so shameful, that he is bound to deny it. But why does this prejudice persist?

One GP consultation in 15 is over some form of mental distress, and half of these involve depression or anxiety (the two are often linked). It is estimated that in a lifetime, one person in 25 will seek psychiatric treatment for depression, but these figures in no way reflect the true problem. Depression after an emotionally upsetting event is rightly regarded as a normal reaction, and many people do not bother to seek help for it.

Madeleine McGill, a psychologist who counsels executives who have been made redundant, is concerned that so much is being made of Dukakis's depression. "Sadness of some kind is the commonest reason for seeking psychotherapy — a one-to-one treatment involving the client and the counsellor. It usually involves feelings over a loved one, whether because of bereavement, or because of feelings of confusion about relationships. It is perfectly normal to feel depressed after some sad event in our lives."

Despite the normality of depression, the outside world is still prejudiced, says Chris Lewis, an occupational psychologist at North East London Polytechnic. "Although people are more tolerant than they were if their next door neighbour suffers from a depressive illness, they revert to their original prejudices if it is someone who may have control over their lives, such as a politician."

However, Lewis says, there is no reason why depression following an emotional event should disqualify anyone from a job. In this country, job applicants are asked to disclose any major health problems. Treatment for minor depression would not qualify. However, if a candidate failed to disclose a major problem, such as a manic depressive illness, then this could later become grounds for dismissal.

Although psychological testing is becoming much more common, most of it is designed to probe personality and attitudes rather than mental stability. Some would-be employers do write to an applicant's GP asking for details of the medical history. It seems unlikely, however, that the average family doctor would disclose a treatment which was over and done with many years earlier.

Lewis stresses that treatment for the kind of temporary depression which follows a bereavement or other upsetting event does not disqualify anyone for office. "In fact you can argue that people who seek help for their depression are showing responsibility for their own health, and insight into the fact that they do have problems."

Unfortunately, given a choice between a politician who has had treatment for a psychiatric problem and a politician who hasn't, people choose the one who hasn't. And I imagine it would be the same in Britain."

But there are signs that the stigma surrounding a normal human reaction is beginning to fade — at least for those who can afford the £25 to £50 fees for a single session with a psychotherapy. Even relatively short periods of therapy involve attending once a week for about six months.

David Malan, a retired NHS psychotherapist now in private practice, says most of his patients do not feel ashamed about seeking treatment. "The people who seek psychotherapy tend to be better educated, and they don't seem to mind telling their friends that they are getting help."

But the picture can be different for people who cannot afford the fees, and who face a less sophisticated reaction from their friends.

"People don't like admitting that they have had psychiatric treatment because public attitudes are still so prejudiced," says Chris Heginbotham, director of MIND.

"A lot of people don't understand that mental illness, like any other brief illness, can be cured. Twenty years ago, no one would admit to having had cancer treatment. Now plenty of public figures are prepared to stand up and talk about it."

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SCIENCE REPORT

When seaweed ruled

A group of well-preserved fossils discovered recently in an Arctic archipelago paints a fascinating picture of marine life more than 700 million years ago. And the discovery of fossils of only very simple life forms from that period fuels a long-standing debate on how and why all the major groups of multicellular animals appeared not much later.

The new fossils, described in *Nature* this week, are of bacteria, primitive seaweeds and single-celled animals and plants, with no trace of multicellular animals. But just 100 million years later — a short period in geological terms — the seas were filled with many complex forms such as worms and shellfish. Researchers are still at a loss to explain this sudden flowering of multicellular life in the Cambrian period, between about 600 and 500 million years ago.

The new fossils show in exquisite detail what life was like on the ancient seabed: they show seaweeds and remains of blue-green algae — among the most ancient of living organisms. Studying the fossils are Professor Andrew Knoll from the Botanical Museum at Harvard University and his colleagues at the University of Iowa. They find that the seaweeds are similar to the green seaweeds still alive today, such as the familiar "sea lettuce" *Ulva*.

Imprinted into the rock are strange tendrils that may have anchored the seaweeds to the seabed. Even more intriguing are impressions of long tubular filaments emerging from sack-like structures. These could be microbes caught in the act of germinating from cysts in which they had been dormant. And there are geological snapshots of bacteria clumped around organic detritus, which show that the bacteria behaved like modern decay bacteria.

But the absence of fossils of any animals or plants more advanced than seaweeds prompts researchers to ask how, not much later, the seas were so full of organisms vastly more complicated and diverse. In Australian rocks about 600 million years old, for example, there are impressions of multicellular jellyfish. So between 700 and 600 million years ago, the pace of evolution must have rocketed.

Between 500 and 600 million years ago, in the early Cambrian period, the seas were populated by a bizarre selection of creatures. This sudden and unique appearance of about 100 major groups of complex animal forms, known as the "Cambrian Explosion", is a continuing puzzle. And why it happened in the Cambrian period rather than at any other time is also unknown.

One explanation hinges on climate. Before the Cambrian period was a series of intense ice ages. And the last series, which is still continuing, has intensified the evolutionary progress of many animals. So perhaps the pre-Cambrian ice ages did the same.

But other environmental effects must also be considered: in the early Cambrian period, a huge continent was breaking up, which resulted in the deposition of organic matter in great sedimentary basins. This may have changed the atmosphere, increasing the previously small quantities of oxygen to levels sufficiently high to support large, complex animals. How the various environmental influences may have combined to bring on the Cambrian explosion is still unclear. But the discovery of the fossils from the Arctic is sure to intensify the debate.

Henry Gee

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Apulia is the high heel of Italy's boot, the peninsula on the peninsula, a place other Italians regard as a world apart: the Romans erected two vast columns there, at Brindisi, to mark the end of the Appian Way. But it was also a way in, and the maritime traffic passing through its ports has created across the centuries a richly bewildering cultural mix — down there, even the language is different

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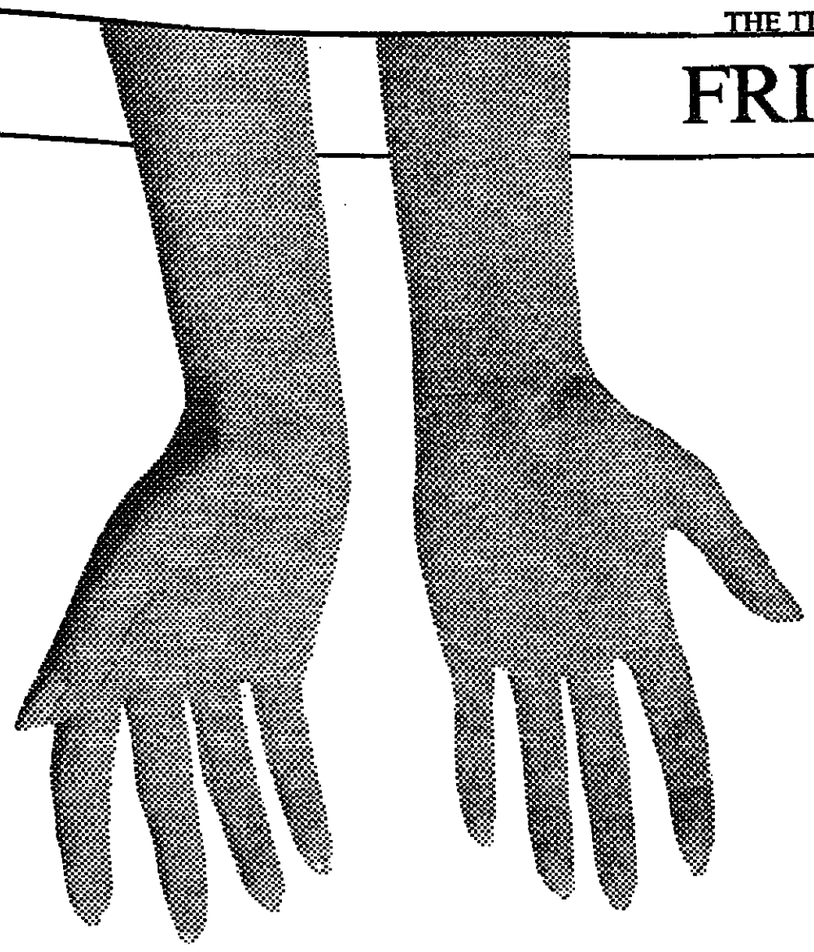


Singular persons

Is the single mother here to stay — and do we really understand who she is? Heather Kirby investigates

One hundred years ago, says Professor Richard Whitfield, the honorary chairman of the National Family Trust, there were, proportionally, as many one-parent families as there are today. But in 1888 it was men whose wives had died in childbirth who were left holding the baby; in 1988, more than three quarters of single parents are women. And, according to a recent report from the Family Policy Studies Centre, 20 per cent of births are now illegitimate compared to 8 per cent in the "swinging" Sixties.

The single mother, it appears, is here to stay and with her, many say, the attendant problems of undisciplined and disturbed children and increased juvenile crime. At either end of the political spectrum, mention of the single-mother tends to be coloured by such inflammatory language and such wildly different analyses of her ability to raise children, that we are in danger of losing sight of the real people and issues involved.

The statistical reality is this. Eleven per cent of single parents are men and 89 per cent women. Of the women, 19 per cent are widows, 38 per cent are divorced and 25 per cent separated. Unmarried mothers make up only the remaining 18 per cent, and of their births, according to the FPSC, three quarters were jointly registered by couples living at the same address. Into these various categories of single mother fall such women as Jerry Hall, Joanna Lumley, Ann Diamond, Alison Moyet, Sara Keays, prospective Euro MP Harriet Crawley, Anna Ford and temporarily, before her marriage to John McEnroe, Tatum O'Neal.

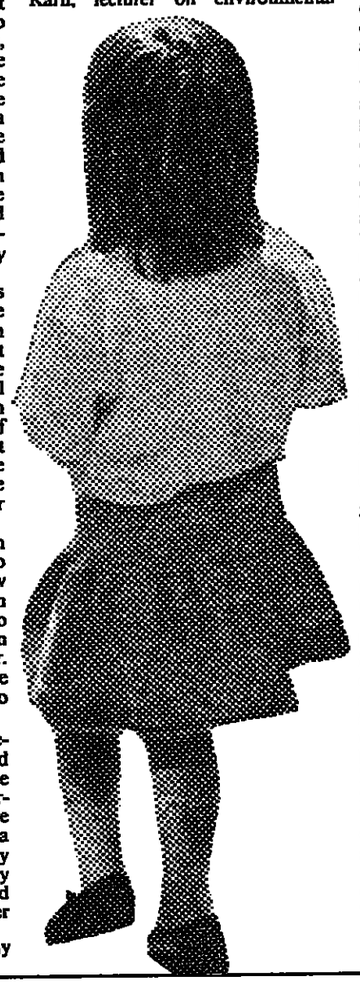
A simple calculation indicates that the number of women electing to bring up a child entirely on their own, or conceiving in order to accumulate points for a council flat, must be insignificant. Yet the image of single parents being feckless or ruthless has a powerful and persistent hold on the national psyche. In both Lambeth and Southwark, the two inner London boroughs which head the latest league table for illegitimate births, 453 and 415 per 1,000 respectively, spokeswomen for both councils say a baby does not guarantee a council flat.

Also crucial for a fairer over-view is work such as that done by the Commission for Racial Equality. In its report *Ethnic Minority Children*, it states: "Non-married status at the time of the child's birth and marital breakdown was more common in Afro-Caribbean families. A quarter of the children in this group were not living with both natural parents at age five, compared with one in 10 of the European children and only 2.5 per cent of Indian/Pakistani children."

Most of those bringing up children on their own did not intend to do so unaided. Although Anna Ford, widow of Mark Boxer, will have enough crises to cope with bringing up her two daughters, she can at least maintain the loving image of their dead father. Most of the divorced have to reconcile their children to an absent parent who supposedly still loves them.

The few well publicized middle-class career women who have decided to have a child without living with the father appear to have had a disproportionate effect on the general attitude towards unmarried mothers. Sara Keays thought she was going to marry Flora's father and Harriet Crawley also believed her pregnancy would end in a permanent and proper relationship.

In the two world wars many mothers were widowed without their lone parenthood being singled out as a major cause of society's ills. Now such children, together with those from broken homes, are often assumed to be disadvantaged. Professor Valerie Karn, lecturer on environmental



health and housing at the University of Salford, is unmarried and has a daughter, Jacqui, aged 13. She says: "Being a single parent is a total irrelevance in my job, but some other professionals have an extremely odd attitude. When my daughter was little she had glandular fever and tonsillitis. On her primary school report card it said she had a poor health record with, in brackets, 'single-parent family' as if that had something to do with the status of her family. I am convinced that because she was from a single-parent home the school had no expectations of her and graded her in a B stream, whereas at her present school, where they know I am a professor, they have high expectations of her. She is a very well adjusted child."

Jane Wadsworth, of the Department of Community Medicine at St Mary's Medical School in London, concluded in a study with other child psychologists on the influence of family type on children's behaviour: "On average, children from one-parent families scored worst and children from two-parent families best in tests of behaviour, vocabulary, and co-ordination. The differences remained significant after allowing for associated influences."

This is in direct contrast to literature published jointly by Gingerbread and the National Council for One-Parent Families, who refer to a study of one parent-families which states: "In many studies of child development, apparent differences between children of one-parent and two-parent families disappear once allowance is made for social class, poverty, poor housing and environment." They also say that although 42 per cent depend on state benefits, it is inadequate childcare provision and the high cost of paying for it that often prevents lone parents from working.

To imply, as do groups such as the Conservative Family Campaign, that children from one-parent families are deprived of half the parental love they are entitled to ignores the fact that 60 per cent are regularly in touch with their estranged parent. Criminologist and sociologist Patricia Morgan argues in an essay published by The Social Affairs Unit, *Feminist attempts to sack father: a case of unfair dismissal?*, that it is common to find poor father-child relationships as antecedents of delinquency even where there are apparently normal mother-child relationships. But that is an argument that could apply to dual parent families.

Whitfield, a professor of education at Aston University, joins those who see the destruction of society in the trend for single parenthood (a recent study conducted by Professor William Shreeve, of the Eastern Washington University, predicts that, by the year 2000, half of America's children may live in single-parent families). But Whitfield also blames poor parenting generally. Next month he begins a project with a consortium of schools including Gordonstoun, Roedean, Wellington College and Christ's Hospital, to introduce a syllabus relating to family and personal development.

"We are already seeing the signs of a breakdown in society, with the increasing juvenile crime, the inability of many schools to manage pupils, and boarding schools where the housemaster's time is taken up dealing with disruptive pupils whose behaviour is a result of lack of love at home. If something is not done to reverse the trend, within two generations we are going to see the collapse of the social ecology of Western society. The birth rate is below the replacement level, and unless those children who are born are nurtured with enough love and kindness they will not thrive."

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Dangers of the feminist gospel

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There is a splendid little television series on Sunday evenings on BBC1 called *The Lambeth Walk*. A few churchmen sit on marvellously upholstered chairs of brocade and discuss the events of the Lambeth Conference. Last week, it was collegiality-in-action as four Bishops contended with the progressivism of America's Right Rev John Spong, Bishop of Newark, New Jersey. The Right Rev Spong was in fine form and although his dress was absolutely proper, one really felt he was wearing Topsider shoes, ready for a good spot of sailing off Cape Cod.

Matters kicked off with the delicate question of polygamy. "The important thing for me," Spong explained, "is to recognize that all marriage patterns come out of the economic fibre of the country, including polygamy." It was Spong's view that without polygamy, African women would be forced into prostitution or some form of "servile labour".

It fell to the Primate of All Ireland to handle that. He was a little worried, he explained, by a Church that equated doctrine with what was happening.

"Is there not a case somewhere," he asked politely, "for stating a strict Christian attitude to something and saying that 'look, we have to come to terms with this — polygamy is not acceptable to Christianity and there is a standard we have to take'?" This was getting into the tricky waters of moral absolutism, not to mention the uncomfortable question of Empire, since vetoing polygamy meant challenging the cultural structures of Africa, and it was the Bishop of Durham who explained that one wife, one love, one family, was of course the Christian ideal, but that we had to help people arrive at this by love.

At one time, I would have assumed that debate of this sort was restricted to the faithful. But times have changed. The increased social activism of the Church has given it a genuine influence in the secular world. Further, when the Church uses secular arguments to justify theological changes, one can hardly resist getting into the fray. And the fray this week was very much a feminist issue as Lambeth wrestled with the idea of women bishops.

The ordination of women is a topic that inspires feelings of great emotion among practising Christians. Practically speaking, it seems to me that any religion is not only entitled to change its rites according to the spirit of the times, but in fact has always done so. Historically, the rites and methods of worship as well as inclusions, exclusions and theological adjustments to changing social conditions have been the hallmark of virtually every religion since time immemorial. That, I thought, is why we have Protestantism and why we have had innumerable religious wars.

"I would like to suggest," Spong said, "that it is a much bigger issue than just the ordination of women. It is a justice issue that has to do with one group of people, namely males, defining another group, namely females, in terms of their own self interest, so to me it touches the deeper issues."

This point of view was greeted with restrained comments by his fellow bishops on the programme. But it occurred to me, as I watched the week's events unfold, that the Church has missed the opportunity to rebut a mischievous, and to my mind evil, notion that should have nothing to do with their synods.

'It is a dangerous idea that humanity is divided into groups and that you require representation on par for each group'

The problem, surely, is not whether or not women should become ordained ministers on grounds of "justice". That is hardly a problem except for people of truly unfortunate skull structures whose bones extend into those cavities where brains normally reside. Immense numbers of religions have had women as both their officiating priests and the objects of worship. It happens, however, that the Christian God did not have a favourite daughter, he had a favourite son. His shepherds on earth are, I understand, made in His image. If Christians now decide to change that system, I suppose they may. Caligula could make his horse a consul, and no doubt the vestal virgins could be extended to include men. I'm not for a moment comparing women to horses, you understand. One is simply commenting on the right of any organization to arrange itself in whatever manner it pleases.

But what is a little irritating about all those favouring ordination of women, including people of a less progressive mien than the Right Rev Spong, is that they seem to assume that it should be done not simply to reflect a change in social expectations but rather as a correction of social injustice. They have swallowed the feminist suggestion that the rites of a particular religion are an indication or proof of society's discrimination against women.

This is utterly without merit and is as ahistorical and silly as, frankly, are most suggestions of political feminism. You can no more deduce women being second-class male citizens from the Christian practice of a male priesthood as you could deduce social discrimination against men from the adherents of say, Sophianism.

Of course, I must say that in spite of the humour it invariably invokes, one rather appreciates the good-natured debate of the Church today. I much prefer Spong to talk about "uncertainty" as a virtue of the Church than having him settle differences with a St Bartholomew's Day massacre. One welcomes a period in history when people chat on television about fine doctrinal points rather than cut each other's throats while making them.

Nor would I personally find schism a particular tragedy. Four Anglican churches, each permitting ordination of some different combination of priests including everything that is not vegetable, seems fine to me.

I personally consider all forms of organized worship perfectly irrational, although I happen to be a believer, and would certainly agree that women are as entitled as men to officiate at any irrational ritual.

But having said all this, one thought remains. It is a very dangerous notion of political feminism, or indeed of any of the political pressure groups of our time, to put forward the notion that humanity is divided into groups and that you require representation on par for each group according to their distribution in the population or in every human institution because failure to do so somehow goes against equity. This seems to me a profoundly diverse and reactionary conclusion.

One wishes the Anglicans well in their new policies, but they would do the soul of society some real good if they would make it crystal clear that in agreeing to the ordination of women or the non-ordination of women for those whose conscience it offends, they are agreeing to a shift in the social circumstances of the second half of the 20th century and in no way giving legitimacy to the idea that women are incapable of representing men, or men of women.

When trouble comes at the double

Are some twins too close for physical and mental comfort? Julia Orange reports on a medical mystery

Jonathan Floyd was having a beer in the Naafi of his Infantry regiment in Staffordshire when he felt a stabbing pain in his stomach. His appendix was taken out that night. Twenty-four hours later, 300 miles away in Weymouth, Dorset, his identical twin Jason doubled up over a bottle of lemonade. Shortly afterwards his appendix came out.

Two weeks later the twins, aged 17, recuperating at their parents' home in Weymouth, are unsurprised by their simultaneous sickness; they have been medical blueprints of each other for as long as they remember. At the age of three, John was taken into hospital with all the symptoms of whooping cough and released after a few hours. A few days later Jason was admitted with the real thing. At four, Jason fell through a window and had stitches in his head; three days later John fell through the same window and had the same number of stitches in the same place.

Jason and John, according to their stepfather, Jeffrey Selway, have always been intensely close physically and psychically: "They are alike in character, very loyal — one will never split on the other." Until a few years ago they always dressed alike. They also laugh a lot.

Quite why it is that some twins, usually identical rather than fraternal, exhibit extraordinary, almost supernaturally tacit one-ness is a mystery medical science is still trying to solve. (Identical twins are formed when a normal fertilized ovum divides into two and each half becomes a separate individual. Fraternal twins are formed from two eggs fertilized by two sperm and frequently look no more alike than brothers and sisters.)

Identicals have the same genetic predisposition towards certain illnesses. But what is becoming increasingly clear, according to psychotherapist Joan Woodward, herself an identical twin, is that such closeness can be a source of intense pain, particularly when one twin dies.

Woodward — whose book *Understanding Ourselves* was recently published by Macmillan — speaks with some authority. Her own identical twin died when she was three. Losing her twin led to a kind of agoraphobia, and for a while she refused to leave home. Her isolation was eventually cured by her far-sighted mother, who took her to a psychotherapist who she remembers had lots of nice toys and asked a lot of rude questions, and whose sensible advice was that she should start school as soon as possible.

School broke the bad spell but the loss of her twin affected her so deeply that as a therapist she wanted to find out if her experiences were unusual. In 1986 she embarked on a study of bereaved twins, and while interviewing 200 of them she found in some "quite appalling levels of pain and distress".

She found identical twins felt the loss most keenly, particularly twins of the same sex. One man in his forties said that when his twin brother died at 19, he felt at first quite unable to go on living. "His death was like watching myself die".

If a twin is lost early in life, the surviving twin is often brought up in the ambivalent atmosphere of a home where parents mourn a death and celebrate a new life simultaneously. Some twins, particularly women, felt (and one or two claimed to have been told by their parents) that the wrong twin had died.

The worst form of parental rejection occurred when a twin felt she was to blame for the other twin's death. One was told by her mother: "You took all the food." Another woman recalled that her mother told her during a fearsome family row that she was a twin and that she had caused the other twin to be dismembered before birth. The child asked her school teacher the next day what the word meant. Not surprisingly, at the age of 13, she made a suicide attempt.

Some twins frankly admitted that after the death of their twin they had felt a flash of relief and of freedom from the burden of twinship. "I suddenly realized," said one, "I would no longer be described as 'the boy'."

If there is a solution to unravelling such intense and entangled relationships, Woodward believes it lies in talking it out with other people who have suffered similar experiences. She applauds the pioneering work being done by Dr Elizabeth Bryan at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, where special bereavement clinics have recently been set up. Here mothers and twins can discuss feelings informally and get professional advice.

For the Floyd twins, the only pain is having hysterics a day before their stitches come out. Soon they will go back to jobs, hundreds of miles apart and, "No, I won't miss him at all," Jason says, "... not much."

TIM BISHOP

Painful partners: twins Jonathan and Jason Floyd recovering from twin bouts of appendicitis

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DAVID WALKER

Conspiracy theorists start here. What do Sir Denis Rooke the gasman (1966), Dame Anne Mueller, the Whitehall personnel specialist (1967), John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor General (1970), Sir Clive Whitmore, permanent secretary at the Home Office (1976), Bernard Ingham, prime ministerial press secretary currently keeping the Aussie press at bay (1978), Richard Bird, the Department of Education and Science scourge of the dons (1979), and Michael Scholar, Treasury and ex-No. 10 high flyer (1988) . . . have in common? Answer at the bottom.

Even the most unflappable heads swivelled in the corridors of the Cabinet Office the other day. For who should be on his way into Sir Robin Butler's sanctum but Sir Humphrey himself. Butler had agreed to be interviewed by the actor Nigel Hawthorne for an edition of *Down Your Way*, due to be broadcast in the autumn. Hawthorne, naturally enough, has gone down your way in Whitehall; Butler's agreement to the interview possibly had something to do with the fact that first among Hawthorne's talks with the denizens of this particular village was the PM herself.

The Prime Minister has appointed a Borrovian as her new Efficiency Adviser. No, that is not a former pupil of a little known public school. The successor to Sir Robin Ibbs is a world expert on that oddity of 19th-century English literature, George Borrow. Sir Angus Fraser, who retired last year as chairman of the Board of Customs and Excise, has tracked down Borrow ephemera in New York, has walked the Borrow route from Portugal into Spain and last year regaled the annual conference of specialists on Borrow with his meticulously researched interpretation of the "veiled period" in the mysterious writer's life as scholar and gypsy.

Fraser comes to the job as an insider. But so were both his businessmen predecessors, Lord Rayner and Ibbs, who had spent significant parts of their careers in Whitehall. Where Fraser's appointment by the Prime Minister is intriguing is what he will do to advance along the path marked out by Sir Robin in his report *The Next Steps*. Fraser is an enthusiast for managerial reform in Whitehall. He will keep going the programme of scrutinies in individual departments . . . but will he also be lobbying for a full-blooded implementation of Ibbs? At a seminar last December he startled participants by the forthrightness of his view that Whitehall departments be given more freedom to run their shows. The text of that speech is fast becoming a cult read.

William Plowden, Director-General of the Royal Institute of Public Administration, is off in the autumn to brash New York, a career move which has surprised those familiar with his diffident, cerebral style. He is going to run the Harkness Fellowships, the transatlantic awards administered by the Commonwealth Fund out of an old oil endowment.

Plowden is going with the specific intention of getting away from the rather predictable bias the scheme has towards young academic over-achievers from Oxbridge. Future fellows, Plowden hopes, will be older (up to 40), well into their careers; they will spend shorter periods in the States and will work on subjects with a strong public policy content — what to do about drugs/schools/ rural depopulation etc.

Plowden wants to steer the fellowships towards people in jobs, like police officers, for whom a spell in the United States would be of practical as well as cultural or intellectual benefit.

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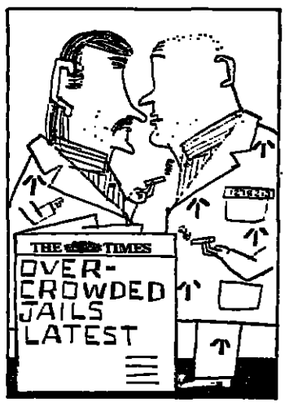

'And to think I only turned to crime to avoid travelling on Network SouthEast'

The connection between those senior names is The Node. Don't write it up as a branch of the Freemasons, the Cabinet Office pleads. But it's difficult not to be impressed by the sequence of names that have attended the annual 10-day course that has been held at the Node Conference Centre at Knebworth in Hertfordshire during the past 25 years.

The Node, the Cabinet Office says, "is a very British institution" — meaning if you don't believe there is such a thing as the Establishment, have a look at the Node's visitors' book. Born out of a conversation at Ditchley in the early 1960s between the then head of the Civil Service and the chairman of the Federation of British Industry (as the CBI then was), the idea was to bring together high flyers from Whitehall and business. The fear then was that understanding built up between the Civil Service and industry during the war was fading.

First director of the course — which consists of discussions and guest speakers — was Alan Bullock, followed in those far off days of good academic-Whitehall links by Asa Briggs. It is now the responsiblity of Brian Gilmore, who is in charge of training. Complete confidentiality; lively discussion . . . with a hand-picked cast list.

Despite the advent of the Top Management Programme and a rather more rigorous approach to management training in Whitehall, the Node survives. Lord Bullock, typically, still swears by the idea of bringing people together to break down language and conceptual barriers. "It seems to me more of a need than ever in the world we are now entering, where everybody receives the same reply that some of my historian colleagues are fond of giving: "It's not my period."

Alex McCall-Smith argues against a single watchdog for medicine

Second opinions needed

These are morally awkward times for doctors. The ethical certainties of the past, when the obligations of a doctor could be summarized in the relatively few lines of the Hippocratic Oath, have been replaced by acute doubts as to the acceptability of many of the advances of medical science. In such a climate, it is not too surprising that the British Medical Association should be calling for the setting up of a national committee to consider the ethical dilemmas posed by modern medicine.

This is not an entirely novel request; there have been similar calls before. But is such a body necessary, and could it possibly do what it is claimed it should do? The temptation to assume that a single body could by fiat settle ethical issues of such complexity is perhaps too easy.

The issues which are causing concern at present are ones of fundamental value. The state can regulate them to an extent, but many of them involve subtle problems on which only broad guidance can be given. For example, the state cannot solve the moral problems involved in a decision to breach medical confidentiality; this can only be done after a careful assessment of the values involved in a particular case. The state can emphasize the moral significance of human life, but it cannot lay down in detail the appropriate response to a delicate question of when it is right to refrain from novel treatments.

The attraction of a national committee is that there would be a single body of some status making recommendations. This is probably attractive to many doctors, who feel in need of unambiguous guidance. A committee laying down what is right and wrong in this area would at least solve the dilemma for the anxious researcher or practitioner. This happened, to an extent, with the Warnock Report, in which highly controversial issues of great ethical complexity were considered and concrete proposals were duly made to the Government.

It is questionable whether a standing committee is desirable. If there is to be a firm rule on any of these issues — for example, a rule stating that certain forms of activity in reproductive medicine are not to be undertaken — then the proper people to make such a decision are the legislators or, in some cases, the courts. Until elected legislators determine the boundaries of what is acceptable in medical science, the medical profession must rely on self-regulation through existing ethics committees and the General Medical Council.

The GMC already has the power to state what is ethical conduct and what is not and, if a doctor engages in research which is ethically unacceptable, strong internal disciplinary mechanisms are already in place. There is still also a role for individual conscience and, difficult though it may be for the scientist involved, the individual must accept that he might be called to make his own judgement on the ethical aspects of his work.

At present, the medical profession receives ethical advice from many sources. Within the United Kingdom, there is an Institute of Medical Ethics — an independent and widely respected body — several other centres devoted entirely to biomedical ethics, and a number of university departments where a considerable body of work is done on issues of medical ethics. The call for a national committee implies that the work of all these centres, with all the inter-disciplinary effort involved and the admirable diversity of opinion represented, is somehow inadequate to the task. This is certainly not the case. Promoting a handful of people to a position where they represent the "official" voice on ethical questions is a doubtful tactic. Inevitably, certain voices would dominate; inevitably, certain institutions might be tempted to represent themselves as the arbiters of what is right or wrong. A pluralistic society might well feel uneasy about such a prospect.

There are reasons why a piecemeal, or "problem by problem", approach is preferable in this area. The Warnock Committee was a perfectly satisfactory body — for the task allotted it. But would everybody have been happy if that same committee, with a constant membership, were asked to pronounce on every controversial issue of medical ethics and medical law?

An acceptable moral consensus is more likely to emerge if we see a variety of bodies in the future commenting on issues as they arise and making appropriate recommendations. As long as the medical profession and Parliament, which must have the ultimate say on the really important issues, are open to the views of such bodies, a democratic solution to these dilemmas is at least feasible. In America, where bioethical endeavour has flourished, the work of the National Commission was extremely useful, but the great bulk of ethical guidance still comes from private bodies.

The danger, then, is that a national committee might centralize the process of ethical debate to an excessive degree. The medical profession and the Government might then hear only one voice, when in reality there are many.

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R.W. Johnson

When whites cry freedom

Deep in the Cape interior I stopped to give a lift to a hitching Coloured — a schoolteacher, it turned out. I expressed amazement when he told me he'd been waiting four hours for a lift.

"Many whites won't stop, baas. They're frightened we might be terrorists. ANC." The schoolteacher — a conservative, religious man, it emerged — looked desperately hurt that anyone might think such a thing. Whites I spoke to later told me I'd been crazy to give lifts: the fear of mugging by hitchers is such that insurance companies often have rules against it, and truck drivers found to have given lifts are commonly fired on the spot. Even radical whites cautioned me severely against lift-giving.

The incident reflected not only a polarization of views and a tendency for everything to be seen in political terms but, I felt, a sourness of mood, a moroseness, among whites. And there is much to be morose about.

Returning to South Africa one feels, for the first time, that the cumulative weight of sanctions, boycotts, disinvestment and isolation has begun to tell. Farmers I spoke to were desperately anxious that the official boycott of South African goods declared by the Scandinavian countries might be followed by others. Some export markets have collapsed, more are threatened and there is a sort of resigned dread of the further sanctions glumly expected.

Similarly, almost every day brings news of some fresh blow to this sport-crazy country. South African golf and tennis players are now beginning to encounter the same exclusion from international arenas that their colleagues in team sports suffered long ago. Some countries — Canada is the latest example — are simply announcing blanket bans on all South African sportsmen and on all sporting contact with those who do play with South Africans.

South African academics find themselves barred from more and more international conferences, find that many foreign academics refuse their invitations on principle and that the inflow of foreign books and journals is seriously threatened — South African crystallographers, for example, have to resort to sanctions-busting to obtain copies of their own international journal.

This is, though, almost a detail next to the exodus of household-name companies. American companies have been the most likely to leave, but even among the British — the least likely to leave — the roll-call of those who have disinvested and quit includes such names as Barclays, Warburgs, Legal and General, Standard Chartered, Bulmers, Cable and Wireless, Rank Xerox, Trusthouse Forte, Ellerman Lines, Rover Group, Sears Holdings, Smiths Industries, Valor and Alfred McAlpine.

Even more demoralizing is the change you can see on the streets: there is no shortage of ageing Minis, Fords, Jaguars, Fiats, Renaults, Peugeots, Citroëns and even some American cars. But when these cars have rusted away, there will be no more of such makes, for their manufacturers have all withdrawn from the South African market. Their place has been taken by German and, especially, Japanese cars. So huge are the fleets of Toyotas, Nissans, Mazdas and Hondas that Japan has now overtaken the US to become South Africa's largest trading partner.

This has had two effects: the Japanese government, considerably embarrassed by this status, and under American pressure, is seeking to limit Japanese exports here: and Pretoria has announced it will no longer publish detailed car sales figures. It is no bad index of South Africa besieged that "national security" concerns now prohibit the publication of even so basic an economic indicator as this.

All of these phenomena are signs of South Africa's increasing "Rhodesianization": the country is more and more cut off, ever more a defiant pariah. Ahead, the white electorate gloomily assumes, lies a Dukakis presidency in the US, the consequent proscription of South Africa as a "terrorist state", and yet further tightening of the sanctions and disinvestment campaigns. Similarly, it is widely expected that the banning of *Cry Freedom* will aid the campaign for a ban on the circulation of foreign films in South Africa — already Woody Allen's films cannot be shown.

SABC Television is already a monument to what this sort of cultural boycott produces: thanks to the Equity ban no British television material may be shown, so instead there is endless American glop of the *Dallas*/ Bob Cosby variety. The SABC jealously guards BBC material it acquired before the Equity ban became effective, which is why one occasionally has a time capsule feeling here, with the radio featuring clips from *Take It From Here, The Goon Show* and, most recently, running the 1950s BBC dramatization of *Day of the Triffids*.

Similarly, one frequently finds in the shops old-fashioned goods of the type that have long vanished from the shelves of British stores — marmalade in big tins, toasters where you turn the toast over manually, and so on. One reason for this is the way miracles of self-sufficiency are performed here with old designs rather than import new ones; but another is that with the income redistribution from white to non-white going on, it is the lower end of the market that is growing fastest, so cheap, old goods sell well. (Those who have imbibed only anti-apartheid propaganda can get a shock from shopping in the average South African supermarket, let alone from photographs of inter-racial weddings in the social pages of a Cape Town newspaper.)

But already the three most important features of Rhodesianization are in place: a growing militarization of society, and large-scale draft-dodging; a currency which has collapsed to the point where the main economic activity is import substitution and foreign travel for South Africans is almost an economic impossibility; and a large, steady haemorrhage of emigration, most marked among the economically vital (and expensively educated) professional classes.

Even among rural Afrikaners, and even among supporters of the far-right Conservative Party, one finds that everyone has given some thought to where they might emigrate if things become desperate — that is, if law and order breaks down or there is a transition to majority rule. (Interestingly, even in such circles one finds many who are prepared to admit, in their cups, at least, the ultimate inevitability of majority rule.) This morning two of the brightest students I am teaching here at the University of Cape Town came to ask my advice as to how they can emigrate to Britain. It is unutterably sad to see the country bleeding to death like this.

It is perfectly true to say that outside pressures are pushing whites towards the right. Andries Treurnicht's Conservative Party is growing like wildfire — in the past three months it has doubled the membership it had acquired in the previous six years, and it is no longer beyond the realms of possibility that Treurnicht could win power. But this is probably no longer the main point. To prevent unemployment rising South Africa needs to create 450,000 new jobs a year, but since 1980 there has actually been a net loss of jobs. On present trends, without even allowing for the further sanctions which are bound to come, by the year 2000 unemployment will rise to 50 per cent — which surely means that at some point before then this whole society will founder in chaos.

South Africa, then, desperately needs a way out. Private conversation and opinion polls alike show that only one foreign politician has the overwhelming confidence of South African whites, and that is Mrs Thatcher. The sentimental links to Britain are also still strong, while Britain remains overwhelmingly the largest foreign investor here.

What all this boils down to is that Mrs Thatcher is the best-placed politician in the world to play a constructive role in averting an immense tragedy here. If she wishes to finish her career with a Nobel Peace Prize and to universal world acclaim, Mrs Thatcher should now be looking hard to the far south.

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Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

A bad case of arrogance

The appointment of Kenneth Clarke as Secretary of State for Health is good news. He is an ambitious politician who will bring a much-needed populist and professional touch to his new domain.

He should at least be able to wring something positive out of the current review of the NHS. He is certainly not the kind of minister to have much patience with the bureaucratic wrangling that so often characterizes health service decision-making.

A robust, no-nonsense approach is definitely needed. In the past few years the health service cannot actually claim to have been putting patients' interests first. It has tended to cater to its own sectional demands rather than administer to the requirements of the sick.

It is true that there are many dedicated doctors and nurses who work long hours in difficult conditions, and thousands of ancillary and administrative staff who give unstinting service for little financial reward. Few of those who have had recourse to the NHS for emergency or life-saving treatment are anything but its lifelong admirers.

It needs more money, of course. It always does and it always will. But far more important will be a change in attitude towards the sick on the part of doctors and administrators.

The new Secretary of State could actually make a start towards achieving this by insisting that we have a real National Health Service. What we have at the moment is a series of regional health authorities, all offering varying standards of treatment and care.

We do not need to go further for evidence of this than the variations in waiting times. In some places it is possible to obtain urgent and non-urgent surgery almost immediately. A few miles away a similar patient will have to wait, sometimes in agony and discomfort, for months if not years for the same operation. All patients should be given equal consideration and should have proper access to the best that is available.

All that is needed is for there to be a schedule of the national waiting lists for each speciality tied to a simple piece of technology that, at the press of a button, can indicate which hospital has the shortest waiting time.

Patients can then be left to decide whether to wait longer to have the convenience of local treatment, or to accept the inconvenience of travelling for an earlier date. My experience with heart patients on Merseyside suggests they will invariably choose the earlier date.

The trouble is that patients are not given the choice. It is not because the technology is unavailable. The full range of facilities is denied to patients because their GP cannot be bothered to shop around to get them the best deal, or because he sticks to the one, known, consultant; or, often, because the consultant himself is reluctant to release people from his own long waiting list for fear of weakening his leverage with the health authorities for resources.

The same disregard for patients has been amply demonstrated by the revelations of instances where experiments have been carried out without patients' knowledge or consent. It is disgraceful for patients to be distressed or put at risk without an explanation, still less their permission.

How else can one describe the experiment at Leicester Royal Infirmary in which 61 children under the age of six were given routine surgery, such as circumcision or hernia operations, and then kept in hospital for a couple of extra days in order to study whether they were distressed and their school work suffered? They were, and it did. Other children, at Birmingham Children's Hospital, were given an antibiotic related to penicillin in order to study the effects on their sweat.

Both experiments seem to demonstrate a cavalier attitude to patients and their parents. They are not considered important enough to make considered decisions about the use of their own or children's bodies.

The experiments also display an alarming arrogance on the part of the doctors. It is exhibited again in the *post hoc* rationalization of their behaviour. I haven't heard one of the doctors actually admit to having been wrong to have done things to people that were not for their benefit, without their knowledge or consent.

What I have read is the surgeon John Johnstone bemoaning that his action in keeping children in hospital longer than necessary was criticized "so vigorously" by another doctor, and Dr Peter Weller, one of those responsible for administering unnecessary drugs to children, arguing that "any risk is minuscule".

It is the same kind of arrogance towards the bodies of others that enables a Marietta Higgs to cause children to be removed from their beds in the middle of the night, and to roam wards in the dark hours in search of a sick child with a normal anus to compare with one allegedly sexually abused.

It is a similar arrogance that allows surgeons involved with women having operations for breast cancer to deny them counselling because its benefits have not been scientifically proved; that causes hospitals to notify cancer patients, through the media instead of personally, that they had an extra dose of radiation; and which, at a very superficial but important level, ensures that the sick all arrive at outpatients' clinics at the same time and sit in noisy and overcrowded waiting rooms merely for the convenience of the consultant.

I don't suppose any of these patients were private ones. Private patients are not made to feel that they can be used without their consent and that they should be grateful for their treatment.

If Kenneth Clarke can change this attitude then he will have achieved something that no amount of money can buy.

AUGUST 5 ON THIS DAY 1911

The visit to London in 1911 of Sergei Diaghilev's Russian Ballet created a sensation. Bronislava Nijinska, sister of the great dancer Vaslav Nijinsky, has said they had little or no English. They managed to get their lips round "Covent Garden" but had to write the name and address of their hotel on a card.

THE RUSSIAN BALLET

A RETROSPECT

This summer of 1911 has brought more than an aesthetic revolution with it; in bringing the Russian Ballet to Covent Garden it has brought a positively new art, it has extended the realm of beauty for us, discovered a new continent, revealed new faculties and means of salvation in ourselves. Alas! many pleasant illusions have been shattered thereby, many idols tumbled from their pedestals; we have grown up terribly fast and lost the power of enjoying things that pleased our callow fancies only a month or two ago. Who can go back now with the old zest to the robust vivacity of X or the amateurish *minauderies* of Y? Who will put up any longer with the battered themes, the insipid music, the ingenuous setting, and the clumsy grouping to which we were accustomed once? They will still have their public, those things; but they will no longer do for the "700 honest folk" who seek at that hour for the means to "make their souls"

So quickly have we grown up that our first undiscriminating pleasure has begun to settle into analysis and criticism. We distinguish. *Scheherazade, Carnaval, Cléopâtre, Pavillon d'Armide, Prince Igor, Sylphides, Spectre de la Rose* — they are all charming, but some are more charming, some are less charming, all are charming in different ways. To say that this ballet or that was the best is like pulling a dinner to pieces and saying this dish or that dish was the best; it was the sequence and contrast that gave them their value. Still there were moments when, evidently, we all agreed that we were drinking draughts of unalloyed and undistracted pleasure; and these are associated with the simplest of all the ballets, with the *Sylphides*, with *Carnaval* and with the *Spectre de la Rose*, in the last of which the genius of as many people, from Weber and Théophile Gautier down to Nijinsky and Karsavina, combined to produce a perfect gem; such a simple idea, such a simple scene, so short, embodied all in the figures of a man and a woman, such well-known music ("L'Invitation à la Valse"); and in the result the quick sense of life, the assurance of delight in a perfectly understood, perfectly rounded artistic whole. The other ballets, more complicated, the pure sense of pleasure sophisticated by uncertainties of emotion, yet touching greater depths of possibility.

On the whole the music of these pieces is magnificent. Schumann, Chopin, and Weber enriched by orchestral setting; Borodin's *Prince Igor* full of colour; Tcherepnin's *Pavillon d'Armide* charmingly adapted to its purpose, and predisposing to the right degree of sentiment. Perfection in every branch is necessary to the perfect impression; and the splendour of the music gives the measure of the distance between this ballet and those of the music-halls . . .

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NO HURRY TO DISARM

The timing of the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee report on arms control, the day after Mathias Rust was freed in Moscow, was almost too good to be true. Few developments were so well calculated to colour Western perceptions of the Soviet Union as was the release of Herr Rust after 14 months of a four-year prison sentence.

For political as well as personal reasons, one must welcome Mr Gorbachov's act of clemency. The timing was doubtless a gesture to the West German Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher who has just completed a visit to Moscow, and it will strengthen Soviet-West German relations in advance of Chancellor Kohl's trip in October. Bonn's leading role in Europe and in Nato give this a significance far beyond the borders of the Federal Republic.

But would any 20-year-old Russian who flew into Parliament Square or Central Park on a so-called "mission of peace" have been jailed for four years in the first place? The sentence he received, and now the young man's overdue release, might be seen as political instruments of détente.

So too might the INF Treaty and the other negotiations covered by the Commons study. On the one hand they represent progress in a continent which for many years knew none. On the other, they have to be judged in a wider context.

The treaty itself by removing all medium-range nuclear missiles from East and West Europe, in fact creates more problems than it solves. The American cruise and Pershing 2 missiles which are now to be dismantled, were installed only partly as a response to the Soviet SS-20. They were also meant to strengthen the coupling between the United States and Europe and to provide a further link in the chain of nuclear responses, between the short-range munitions on the battlefield and the strategic missiles based either in America or at sea. They were intended to reassure Western Europe, whose conventional forces were so inferior to those of the Warsaw Pact. Now the euphoria of the INF Treaty has died down, the West is left with these same problems it had 10 years ago.

Western reaction to Mr Gorbachov swings from eulogy one moment, to dark mistrust the next. In fact he deserves neither response. By Russian standards he is certainly a pragmatist, committed to reform of the Soviet system and to making the motherland more efficient and habitable. The reduction of military spending and the diversion of funds to help civilian industry, is one of Mr Gorbachov's priorities.

But differing ideologies as well as ancient rivalries and fears, continue to divide Europe. The Soviet record on human rights, while getting better, remains a source of friction and a barrier to mutual understanding. To dismantle a security framwework which has been painfully and expensively built, at the very first signs of détente, makes little sense. Disarmament is a desirable objective. But over-hasty progress, prompted by instant assessments of the Kremlin, can easily lead to allied disunity and *angst*.

Not the least of the difficulties which Nato is now facing, concerns defence spending. Even after the London summit of 1977, at which Nato governments committed themselves to a 3 per cent annual rise in military budgets, very few of the member nations reached their targets. Now, with the INF Treaty signed, the negotiations well-advanced on strategic arms and talks about talks under way on conventional forces, Nato's West German Secretary-General Manfred Woerner, has an unenviable job in keeping the alliance up to scratch. Improvements in conventional forces, the modernization of nuclear weapons and the presentation of arms control positions to Western electorates, will all pose problems. An alliance which has unilaterally disarmed, will find it hard to persuade another to do the same.

No doubt Herr Rust meant well. But as the MPs' report suggests the real route to lasting peace is necessarily slow.

PROPAGANDA OR DIPLOMACY

Sir Sridath Ramphal gave the game away this week when he emerged from the Toronto meeting of a committee of Commonwealth foreign ministers to trade jeers with Mrs Thatcher. The Prime Minister's contention that sanctions against South Africa simply impoverished black South Africans, was, he said, typical of South African propaganda which the committee had resolved to counter through a campaign of its own.

To believe that Mrs Thatcher is a victim of anything but her own convictions would seem, at best, eccentric, but it is no less bizarre than the Commonwealth Secretary-General's twin and contradictory beliefs that black South Africans do not suffer from sanctions but are prepared to do so in the name of liberation.

The facts, assembled not by Pretoria or by any of its dupes as might lurk in Downing Street, but by organizations of such resolute independence as the Investor Responsibility Research Centre in Washington, suggest otherwise.

In a recent analysis of all the opinion polls conducted among black South Africans in recent years, the IRRC found that the results were consistent, irrespective of who conducted the survey. Despite Archbishop Desmond Tutu's best efforts to convince them and the world otherwise, 76 per cent of black South Africans said no, and continue to say no, to sanctions and disinvestment because of the economic sacrifice involved.

The IRRC has also found that the flight of American companies from South Africa, far from eroding apartheid, had "contributed to a consolidation of economic power by South Africa's whites", had meant the loss of corporate contributions to groups challenging South Africa's apartheid policies and had had grim consequences for black employees and their communities.

But the perverse effects of sanctions are not restricted to South Africa's black population. A recent survey by the South African Institute of International Affairs, which is no supporter of Pretoria, found that far from persuading white South Africans of the error of their ways sanctions had swung them into an uncompromisingly hardline stance on both foreign policy and domestic issues.

Sir Sridath Ramphal and the Commonwealth committee charged with monitoring and tightening sanctions against South Africa are right to be alarmed by the effects of their handiwork, but to attempt to denigrate the facts, however unpleasant, as South African propaganda is simply to heighten the pervasive atmosphere of cynicism and unreality which surrounds the whole sanctions industry.

There are, however, two ways of dealing with South Africa and both were on display this week. While Sir Sridath and the eight Commonwealth Foreign Ministers were earning the Prime Minister's contempt by "deciding in five-star hotels that there should be poverty and starvation by a large number of black people", the United States, Cuba and Angola were engaging the South African Government in an exercise of patient diplomacy which may yet bring peace to Angola and an international settlement to Namibia.

Despite the rather obvious ploy by the South African Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, to gain the moral high ground by unilaterally disclosing South Africa's own peace offer — summarily rejected by the Cubans and Angolans — there is a growing belief in Whitehall and Washington that the rival positions are neither immutable nor irreconcilable. To suggest — as some have done — that Mrs Thatcher should ignore the quiet example of Geneva, abandon whatever influence she retains with Pretoria and instead embrace the example of Toronto simply because it may be impolitic of her to stand alone is not merely to elevate hypocrisy and pusillanimity to the level of foreign policy. It is to ask her to choose propaganda above facts and the certainty of conflict and deprivation in southern Africa above the chance of peace.

PARENT POWER

It is not going to be easy when parent power comes to schools in England and Wales. Parents will be obstructive when it comes to closing schools their own children attend, obstinate when places are refused to their children they are convinced deserve them, and critical of lessons they feel usurp their natural authority.

The Education Reform Act insists, among other things, that there is a moral content to sex-education lessons, gives a premium to parental choice in schools and offers real power to parents who wish to serve on the new governing bodies which reduce local authority influence. The problems that will face the schools in September when they come to grips with the practical effects of these changes were crystallized in three reports this week.

The Act, coupled with other legislation, is part of the Government's aim to remind parents of their duty to instil in their children a sense of social responsibility in dealing with the problems of the 1980s ranging from soccer violence to the spread of Aids, from racial prejudice to sex education. A report from Her Majesty's School Inspectors shows just how ill-prepared the heads, teachers and governors are to take on this extra burden.

Teachers are not properly trained, and parents and school governors are not being consulted sufficiently in the preparation of the courses which will have to be improved considerably if they are to have any value. The responsibility for making the courses work will rest with the head teachers who will have to juggle the priority they give to social lessons with the demands of the national curriculum. They would do well to remember that social lessons cover sensitive and controversial issues and would be making a mistake if they automatically put them at the foot of the list.

So the Department of Education and Science is going to have to give proper consideration as to how these lessons, to which Parliament attaches such importance, are provided.

On a second front officials of the department will have to smarten up their ideas on falling school rolls and the question of school closures. The argument between parental choice and getting value for money by closing small ineffective and wasteful schools must now be faced. The prevarication has gone on too long.

The independent Audit Commission, in its second report on falling school rolls, says that empty school places are still costing the country £250 million a year while local education authorities fail to provide the country with an adequate educational service. The delay in reaching closure decisions as the papers lie stuck in the Department of Education leads to some schools dying on their feet. The bureaucratic excuse that each closure must be considered carefully to avoid legal challenge is no longer good enough.

But all the good intentions, all the necessary reforms in giving the schools back to the parents will fail if too few of them come forward to serve on the new bodies. The first elections of parent governors will take place in the first week of September. A Labour Party survey of local authorities published yesterday indicated that one third were finding it difficult in recruiting parents as governors. There is still time for more parents to volunteer. Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, who is just coming to the end of a working holiday on the Nile must spend the remainder of the summer break ensuring that parent power does not founder on the rock of bureaucratic obduracy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Controversy over animal organ transplants

From Sir Michael McNair-Wilson, MP for Newbury (Conservative)

Sir, As a kidney patient on dialysis but cleared for a transplant I must express my extreme repugnance at the suggestion that animal organs should be used in transplant surgery. I welcome the BMA's statement (report, August 2) that the ethics of such experiments raise profound questions about the integrity of human tissue.

Ethically I can accept dialysis as I can any other life-giving equipment because the body remains intact. I can just accept the idea of receiving a human organ as the gift of life willingly passed on from one person to another. But to take organs from animals arbitrarily and put them in place of failed parts of a human body is to delve into the realms of Frankenstinian science.

Speaking only for myself, if the organ I may be offered one day as a transplant for my failed kidneys is not a gift and not of human tissue I want no part of it. If that means I will never have a transplant so be it.

I want to go to my grave as a complete human being — not part man and part pig. The length of my life is infinitely less important to me than preserving the integrity and sanctity of my human body.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL McNAIR-WILSON,
House of Commons.
August 1.

From Father Peter D. McGuire

Sir, The apparently premature, release of information about the proposed increase in the use of animal organs for human transplant surgery has, nevertheless, brought to the surface the protests of "animal rights" groups.

The outcry against such use must be contrasted with the generally favourable reception given to recent news about the use of warm foetal brain tissue for the relief of Parkinson's disease, and the prospects of human embryo experimentation for the culture of tissue for transplantation.

Whilst having respect for animals and demanding their humane treatment up to, and including, their slaughter for the benefit of mankind, I cannot accept the implication behind the protests which may be summed up as: a born pig has more value than an unborn human being.

Yours sincerely,
PETER D. McGUIRE,
9 Castle Hill,
Eckington,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

From Mr G. F. Newman

Sir, Your leading article, "Horizontal humans" (August 2) was striving so hard for reason and balance that it missed some very important points, and left a clear scientific bias. Such a position is your privilege, but the use of language is, one suspects, intentionally deceptive rather than woefully ignorant.

The use of the word "breakthrough" in such circumstances suggests some beneficial advance here. "Setback" more accurately describes the situation. For any sort of heart transplant takes us further away from a healthy heart and fosters the dangerous "breakdown service" mentality towards our bodies.

Even if the moral, ethical, emotional and spiritual objections could be reasoned out of existence, the practical objections are overwhelming. If we had all the transplant surgeons working full-time, and assuming that we had enough donors of hearts, lungs, kidneys, livers (and soon brains or bodies), there wouldn't be enough surgeons, operating theatres or hours in the day to get through the lists of people suitable for spare-part surgery. Logic tells us there must be another way.

There is. Firstly, not to let the heart get into such a mess; secondly, to pull it back from the brink by a regime of diet, exercise, relaxation. To have scientists with huge career investments in high technology tell us otherwise is blatant dishonesty.

Yours faithfully,
G. F. NEWMAN,
Wessington Court,
Woolhope, Herefordshire.

From Dr Robert Sharpe

Sir, There are three main objections to the "cross-species" transplants planned by the Dulwich Hospital team. Firstly, the initial experiments will inevitably involve suffering and death to many animals even though, as past transplant research has shown, results can prove seriously misleading for humans.

Secondly, cross-species transplants are being contemplated because of a lack of human donors. It is this problem which needs to be solved rather than embarking on new, costly and painful animal research which in the past has failed so dismally.

Finally, by devoting so much attention to transplants, the effect is to downgrade the importance of preventive medicine. A co-ordinated and well-resourced programme based upon prevention would obviate the need for so many transplants and allow those still in need to receive human organs. Although prevention is known to be the most effective approach, it is denied the glamour and news worthiness of transplant surgery.

Once again a speculative animal research programme will divert public attention and resources away from our real health priorities. As a result both humans and animals continue to suffer needlessly.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs M. D. Pooley

Sir, Scientists are now preparing to transplant both organs and genes between man and animals. In the US they have been able to patent a new type of animal with human genes (report, June 6).

Will the time come, one wonders when, for patent purposes, scientists will have to decide whether a creation is either man or animal? Will the Church at last be forced to step in to arbitrate?

Yours faithfully,
M. D. POOLEY,
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Crawley Ridge,
Camberley, Surrey.

From Dr S. P. Bate

Sir, So, Orwell has done it again. I quote the final sentence of *Animal Farm*:

The creatures outside looked from pig to man, and from man to pig, and from pig to man again; but already it was impossible to say which was which.

Yours faithfully,
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Sutton Benger,
Chippenham, Wiltshire.

The rights of shareholders

From Mr Robert Breckman

Sir, Two chairmen have recently been given retirement presents of about £1 million each. British Telecom (report, June 24) which bought its chairman a generous pension, did not ask permission of their shareholders and Rothmans (report, July 30) did. Neither made any difference to the result.

Shareholders reap the benefits of increased profits in the value of their shares, as do those directors who are remunerated on a profits-related basis. But the magnitude of these latest awards highlights the financial nepotism of a board of directors.

The companies Acts and the taxes Acts should be broadened in their scope to prevent this particular usage of a company's fund and not only should a maximum be put on the settlement figure, but a 75 per cent majority of all shareholders should sanction it.

Yours faithfully,
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August 1.

CBI and inflation

From Mr G. L. Lloyd

Sir, As a businessman I believe that the CBI is given much too much credence and publicity for its profundity of views on the economy and export markets.

Not so long ago the CBI was pleading for a reduction in interest rates on the grounds that the high cost of finance was an investment inhibitor. Mr Lawson put that argument in its place by scornfully pointing out that the wage increases conceded by business were of much greater cost significance than the then interest rates.

This time the CBI is pleading for the exchange rate to be held down in order to keep its costs in line with those of its overseas competitors. What the CBI should be doing is to thunder its persuasion at its members to keep their wage cost increases to no more than the rate of inflation instead of seeking from the Chancellor the soft option of a weak sterling exchange rate.

This Government has faced out the unions and the high-spending town halls. Now they should stand up to business on the currency front and tell them that they have the solution to their cost problems in their own hands.

The country needs a strong pound to fight the next real battle — the battle of inflation.

Yours faithfully,
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NHS pressures

From Dr Christopher Paine

Sir, Let the Chairman of Herefordshire Health Authority (July 28) take heart. Health has a high public profile and the multiple accountabilities that face NHS general managers stem mainly from this.

I was convinced by my participation over some years in the system that existed before Sir Roy Griffiths installed general managers, that the very problems set out by Mr Bulmer required better and stronger management. Everything that I learned in my three turbulent, but yes, enjoyable years as a clinician turned general manager of a large teaching health authority, reinforced this view. The greater the problems, and we had our share, the greater the need.

The situation is surely little different from that in industry, except perhaps the pay. The general manager of any go-ahead expanding company constantly faces similar pressures, and must strike a productive balance between stability and change.

The general manager in the NHS is accountable to his chairman. With a complementary duo, strong and effective leadership of the kaleidoscope of local health services can be achieved: to the benefit, I strongly suggest, of the public they serve, both in sickness and in health.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER PAINE,
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Watlington,
Oxfordshire.
July 29.

GCSE standards

From Miss Kirsty Woodard

Sir, I read with growing annoyance the letter of Miss Clare Oliver (July 30) concerning the GCSE. I, and many others who took the O level at school are fed up with the assumption that real work was "something previous O-level candidates only really experienced during the last two weeks before the exams".

Miss Oliver seems to assume that two years' notes can be written up in two weeks and two years' work can be learnt in two weeks, and that for a year and a half all O-level candidates and their teachers sat in their classrooms throwing paper aeroplanes.

If the O levels were as cosy as Miss Oliver implies, 100 per cent pass rates should have been achieved.

I suggest that the GCSE candidates should cease to complain about the O levels until they have written five essays in 2½ hours as in an O level and not two in two hours.

Yours faithfully,
KIRSTY WOODARD,
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Temple Hill,
Dartford, Kent.

From Miss Tansy Bruce

Sir, As a fairly recent 0-level candidate, I should like to point out, in response to Miss Clare Oliver's letter, that we studied for perhaps a little more than two weeks before each exam.

I am sure it is true that there were disadvantages to the old system; but possibly the more rigid choice of literature was on our side when it came to grappling with the idiosyncrasies of English grammar, punctuation and syntax.

Yours faithfully,
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July 31.

A little Greek

From Mr Michael Wolf

Sir, My fellow students of Greek and I are delighted that Patric Haldane (July 25) has praised the "power" - and may I add, glory — of that language, ancient and modern.

And it is true that "a confusing version (of anglicised Greek) . . . has been handed down through the centuries". But such developments clearly are universal, whether transliteration is required or not. So will English-speaking people always travel to Rome or Munich and not to "Roma" or "München".

Your correspondent is calling for "an acceptable transliteration for the future" in "a new dictionary". Heaven forbid! Scholars agree that transliteration is always bound to be somewhat haphazard, hence unreliable. However, quite distinct from *transliteration* is, of course, *phonetic transcription*, a far superior guide to pronunciation, and dictionaries with such transcriptions do exist.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL WOLF,
41 Lansdowne Road, W11.
July 27.

Signposts at work

From Mr A. Crockett

Sir, After your Spectrum article (July 27) and letters (August 2) on poor signposting, you may be interested in this extract from the minutes of the Exeter Quarter Sessions for Michaelmas, 1814:

This Court begs leave to call attention of the several Magistrates of the County to the great want of guide and graduated Posts in the said County and earnestly recommend them to give such Directions as may be requisite for the Erection of such posts at all places where they may be necessary within their respective Districts in Conformity to the Direction of the Act of 13 Geo 3 (1773) . . . and to inflict the full penalty of 20/- upon all such Surveyors (of the Highways) as shall neglect to obey those orders within a reasonable time to be by them appointed.

It is further recommended that the Guide Posts be erected of a sufficient Height so as to guard as much as possible against the Inconvenience arising from idle and disorderly persons breaking off the Arms and that the guide and graduated posts be painted white and the letters indented thereon.

A shortage of signs and a surfeit of vandals. Have things changed all that much?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY CROCKETT,
The Retreat,
Old Exeter Street,
Chudleigh,
Devon.
August 2.

Threat to Stamford

From Dame Penelope Jessel

Sir, Those of us who know, and delight in, the historic town of Stamford are appalled to learn of the "resurrected" scheme for a by-pass against whose siting Professor Curl (July 27) argues with such authority. To inflict such a gash across one of the most marvellous transitions from country into town would be vandalism of a prime order.

But there could be even worse to come were the by-pass to go ahead. In Oxford and Oxfordshire, beset as we are by road plans, we know too well the effects such roads may have. Enormous and almost irresistible pressure builds up for development along their lines, whether for superstores, industrial use or housing. The volume of traffic generated as a result may then lead to demands for further relief roads — a kind of by-pass to a by-pass.

The crucial point, however, is that it must be recognised that towns like Stamford are no ordinary settlements and cannot be treated as such. Historic towns need special consideration: the utmost sensitivity should be applied in considering any scheme which may affect their rare qualities.

Yours faithfully,
PENELOPE JESSEL,
The Cottage, The Green,
Cassington, Oxford.

Carnival dispute

From the Deputy Leader of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council

Sir, May I correct an erroneous impression that might have been given in your News Roundup item on the Notting Hill carnival today (August 3), particularly as a result of the bizarre quote in it from the chairman of the environment committee of Westminster City Council.

This council, in not issuing permits for street trading during the carnival, is doing exactly what it has done in every previous year. We were asked by the police this year to investigate the possibility of introducing a licensing system. We did so, and concluded that it would be a difficult but possible task, provided that we had the agreement of the carnival arts committee. Unfortunately, this agreement has not been forthcoming to any scheme which the council could properly operate.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD GORDON,
Deputy Leader of the Council,
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea,
Town Hall, Kensington, W8.
August 3.

Design showcase

From Dr E. S. Owen-Jones

Sir, In a recent letter (July 18) Professor John Eggleston regretted the absence of a venue where the quality of the entries in technological competitions could be appreciated by a wider audience.

A partial solution to the problem has been found in Cardiff where ASW (formerly Allied Steel & Wire) hold a major annual "technical innovation" competition for schools. Following the one-day final the winning and commended entries are transferred to the Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum where they remain on public display for two weeks. This arrangement has operated for the last two years and has proved most successful.

Yours faithfully,
E. S. OWEN-JONES
(Acting Keeper),
Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum,
Bute Street, Cardiff.
July 28.

Back in the fold

From Canon Gervase W. Markham

Sir, I was interested to read Mrs Battestin's letter (July 27). The walls of Morland parish church, in the Eden Valley, bear two, contrasting tablets. One records the names of 16 men killed in the Great War of 1914-18. The other reads as follows:

This tablet
given by the parishioners
Records their Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the safe return from the War of 1939-1945 of all their Men and Women (over 60 in number) and of the preservation from damage of this Church and Parish.

Every year on Remembrance Sunday one of the survivors of this dwindling group takes his turn to hang a wreath on the tablet of the First War, and then stands before the second tablet as its memorable words are read aloud.

Yours faithfully,
GERVASE W. MARKHAM,
The Garden Flat,
Morland House,
Penrith, Cumbria.
July 27.

From Mrs F. V. B. Witts

Sir, A tablet in the village hall here at Upper Slaughter records 25 names of those who served in 1914-1918 (including one woman) and 36 names of those who served in 1939-1945. In both wars all returned safely. There is no war memorial: the village hall was built as a thanksgiving.

Yours truly,
ALICE M. WITTS,
The Dingle,
Upper Slaughter,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
July 28.

On the run

From Mrs Roger Parker-Jervis

Sir, Sign of the times: we observed recently at the side of a roadside on the Isle of Skye a hand-written sign warning us to "Beware free-range children"!

Yours faithfully,
DIANA PARKER-JERVIS,
The Gardener's Cottage,
Great Hampden,
Great Missenden,
Buckinghamshire.
August 1.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 4: His Excellency Mr Yousef Sharara and Mrs Sharara were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Court of St James's.

Mr C J Turner (Governor of Monserrat) and Mrs Turner had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

His excellency Mr H S Walker and Mrs Walker were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Jamaica in London.

CLARENCE HOUSE:
August 4: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

Marriages

Mr A.M.L. Cazalet and Miss A.T. Saville
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 30, at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon, of Mr Andrew Cazalet, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Cazalet, of London and Wiltshire, to Miss Amanda Saville, younger daughter of Mr John Saville and the late Mrs Moira Saville, of Barrels Park, Ullenhall, Warwickshire. The Right Rev Vernon Nicholls officiated, assisted by Father John Dewis.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Sharon Wilson-Gunn, Elysia Wilson-Gunn, Sophie d'Ambrumenil and Andrew Escaler. Mr Crispian Besley was best man.

The reception was held at Ettington Park Hotel, Alderminster, and the honeymoon is being spent in Singapore and Australia.

Mr D.S. Griffiths and Miss K.A. Hodgson
The marriage took place on July 30, at the Church of St James, Rowledge, of Mr Davis Stuart Griffiths elder son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Griffiths, to Miss Katharine Anne (Katie) Hodgson, elder daughter of The Rev C. and Mrs Hodgson. The Rev P. Burtwell and the Rev D. Eaton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Elizabeth Hodgson, Anne Black, Rebecca Glynne-Jones and Michael Shaw. Mr John Griffiths was best man.

A reception was held at Frensham Heights.

Mr J.M.H. Hutchings and Miss C.J. Jackson
The marriage took place on Saturday, at The Temple Church, London, between Mr Merlin Hutchings, elder son of Mr J.M.C. Hutchings and the late Mrs C. Hutchings, and Miss Carolyn Jackson, elder daughter of Major and Mrs J.G. Jackson. Canon Joseph Robinson officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Rosemary Jackson, Eleanor Helps and Freddie Tucker. Mr Roger Adams was best man.

The reception was held at the Army and Navy Club and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr T.F. Marking and Miss C. Andriessen-Ten Holter
The marriage took place on July 23, in Brussels, of Mr Timothy Marking, second son of the late Frank Marking and of Mrs Marking, of Dorset, and Miss Christine Andriessen-Ten Holter, second daughter of De Heer and Mevrouw Frans Andriessen-Ten Holter, of Brussels.

Mr P. Ryan and Miss L. Newell
The marriage took place on July 27, at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, between Mr Philip Ryan, only son of Mr and Mrs A.C.W. Ryan, of Canterbury, Kent, and Miss Laura Newell, only daughter of Dr Peter Newell, of Faversham, Kent, and Mrs Patricia Newell, of Knightsbridge, SW1. Mgr George Tancred officiated.

Mr R.C.W. Loftie and Miss A.M. Hornyold-Strickland
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 30, at Kendal Parish Church, between Mr Charles Loftie, elder son of the late Lieutenant-Commander William Loftie, Royal Navy, and of Mrs Loftie, of Bowerbank House, Pooley Bridge, Cumbria, and Miss Alice Hornyold-Strickland, younger daughter of the late Lieutenant-Commander Thomas Hornyold-Strickland, Royal Navy, and of Mrs Hornyold-Strickland, of Sizergh Castle, Cumbria. The celebrants were Canon John Hodgkinson and Father Jock Dalrymple.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Henry Hornyold-Strickland, was attended by Miss Alix de Mauny, Virginia Fitzherbert, Lucy and Mary Engleheart, Sophie Elletson, Thomas and Francis Hornyold-Strickland and Andrew Coppock. Mr Timothy Sheldon was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

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Rural deprivation

Misery behind the glossy image

By Andrew Morgan

A rare burst of sunshine yesterday lit up the Breckland area of west Norfolk, soon to be a focus of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Rural Areas, which will examine countryside deprivation.

The commission's vice-chairman, the Bishop of Norwich, the Right Reverend Peter Nott, raised the issue at the Lambeth Conference this week after hearing of worldwide rural problems, many of which were strikingly similar to those in areas such as Somerset, Lincolnshire and west Norfolk.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has criticised those taking a "romantic view" of the countryside who do not realise the amount of deprivation.

The Breckland area around Gooderstone is typical of many English rural areas. Schools, shops, post offices and village halls have all closed and bus services have been cut back, intensifying the isolation.

The Rev Kit Chalcraft oversees ten churches, the Hilborough group, from his Gooderstone rectory. Ten years ago, three parsons ran the patch, but the Church of England's policy of redeployment to inner cities has left him alone in an area of more than forty square miles with repairs estimated at £255,000.

The district is in Bishop Nott's diocese and the commission is likely to hear evidence about the area. It is a "no man's land" between the towns of Swaffham, Downham Market, and Mundford with villagers forced to travel long distances for services, particularly medical treatment. The reduced bus service intensifies the problem.

"Poverty in the country means not having a car and, of course, there are those who don't own one", Mr Chalcraft said. "The community helps old people, but I know of at least two women in their eighties whose husbands were in hospital twenty-two miles away in King's Lynn. They couldn't be with them when they died."

However, Mr Chalcraft, once a curate in urban Slough, believes that it is the young, often jobless, who suffer even more. Teenagers such as Gregory Button, aged 16, who lives in Gooderstone and finds west Norfolk "dreadful" in terms of public transport, local industry and general amenities, particularly youth clubs.

"We get a lot of older people moving in here from the London area and local familes are increasingly moving away to find jobs. There is not much to do and I spend a lot of time weight-training and running. I suppose boredom leads to some mischief, but no more than in a city", he says.

The charity, Action with Communities in Rural England, has noticed rising house prices even in deprived rural areas, often caused by couples retiring from the south. It is not matched by an economic boom and wages — with agricultural labourers the norm — are low.

"Young people are forced to stay with their parents and the associated problems soon emerge. The situation develops of young people moving to the town and travelling back to the country to work", said Mr Rhys Taylor of ACRE.

Mr Chalcraft added: "Middle class families, also victims of service reductions, must take their children miles to find facilities. For the young from working class families, with little public transport, the countryside is really tough."

Rural vandalism from teenage boredom comes in waves. Intruders at Gooderstone parish church turned on gas heating cylinders. Valuable items have been stolen from other churches.

Mr Chalcraft believes that increased rail electrification to Norwich will not affect the social profile of his patch, which is too far west. He thinks the influx of retired Londoners will continue along with the trickle of local depopulation. This will mean less money for the parish and more dereliction of buildings like the village hall at Hilborough, which has now collapsed.

"All the glossy garden books and diaries of Edwardian ladies reinforce the Arcadian image. But the reality is really tough and, in this area, it could get worse before it gets better. The countryside is probably more exposed to the economic climate of the 1980s than many cities", he said.

Crowning moment as Elwyn Edwards is installed as bard by Archdruid Emrys Dendraeth at the 1988 Newport Eisteddfod.

Wrangles are forgotten as the bard is crowned

The red-robed trumpeters heralded a new bard at the Welsh National Eisteddfod yesterday and for a brief moment all the controversy surrounding the future of the language was forgotten. This was the climax of a week of Welshness.

Elwyn Edwards, a one-time slaughterhouse worker from Bala, Gwynedd, became the star of the 1988 Newport Eisteddfod, with a poem about his mother's agonizing death.

In an hour-long ceremony of Welsh pageantry at its best the robed bards formed the backdrop for little girls, their hair garlanded in flowers, to perform the Floral Dance for the new bard.

Then he was presented first with the Horn of Plenty — given to the Eisteddfod 90 years ago by the then Lord Tredegar who had been so impressed by the pageantry of the 1897 Newport Eisteddfod. After that the poet was to be presented with the flowers and fruit of the Gwent earth by a maiden in a white satin gown, red cloak and head-dress of woven gold.

It was the time that brings tears to every Welshman's eyes when all that is best in the culture and language of Wales is laid bare.

The winning poem for the chair of Welsh oak carved from a single tree from the grounds of Tredegar House, was an ode in strict metre on the theme "The Storm".

Mr Edwards chose the agony of his mother's death from cancer for his ode which the judges described as a poem of strength and intelligence with a peace and calm coming after a terrible storm.

Earlier in the day members of the newly appointed Welsh Language Board met informally for the first time on the Eisteddfod field.

Mr John Elfed Jones, its chairman, made it clear that his board would waste no time in getting round the table with the Welsh Language Society, whom he said had the same aims as the board: the protection of the Welsh language.

On Tuesday, within hours of the announcement of the new board, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, refused to meet members of the Language Society. He has always said that he would not discuss anything with them until they stopped their campaign of action.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will embark HMY Britannia at Southampton at 4.50 to cruise in the Western Isles.

The Prince of Wales, President of the National Waterways Museum, will open the British Waterways Board's museum in Gloucester at 3.00.

The Princess Royal, President of the Royal Yachting Association, will visit the Excelsior Sailing Trust's trawler *Excelsior*, currently undergoing repair in Lowestoft, at 10.30; and will visit the Flying Fifteen World Championships at Lowestoft at 11.40.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Count Johann von Struensee, physician and politician, Halle, Germany, 1737; Alexander Kinglake, historian, Taunton, 1809; Edward Eyre, explorer in Australia, Hornsea, Yorkshire, 1815; Guy de Maupassant, Dieppe, 1850; Conrad Aiken, novelist and poet, Savannah, Georgia, 1889; Harold Holt, prime minister of Australia 1966-67, Sydney, 1908.

DEATHS: James Gibbs, architect, London, 1754; Frederick North, 2nd Earl of Guilford, prime minister 1770-82, London, 1792; Richard Howe, Earl Howe, admiral, 1799; Friedrich Engels, co-author of *Communist Manifesto* (1848), London, 1895; Phil May, caricaturist, London, 1903.

Birthdays today

Professor Neil Armstrong, former astronaut, 58; the Right Rev A.H. Attwell, former Bishop of Sodor and Man, 68; Major-General W.H. Hargreaves, physician, 80; Miss Jacquetta Hawkes, archaeologist, 78; Miss Joan Hickson, actress, 82; Mr Alan Howard, actor, 51; Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Inge, 53; Sir Michael Terry, QC, former Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 65; Mr Bert Millichip, chairman, Football Association, 74; Lord Justice O'Donnell, 64; Mr Rodney Pattisson, yatchsman, 45; Sir Eric Pountain, chairman, Tarmac, 55; Professor Margaret Read, anthropologist, 99; Lord Sefton of Garston, 73; Mr John Whitaker, showjumper, 33.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B.S.H. Blacker and Miss C.M. McConnell
The engagement is announced between Barnaby, eldest son of Mr and the Hon Mrs David Blacker, of Molecomb, Goodwood, Sussex, and Colleen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander McConnell, of Palmerston North, New Zealand.

Mr I.C. King and Miss C.E. Broadhurst
The engagement is announced between Ian Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs David King, of Topsham, Devon, and Clare Elizabeth, daughter of Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry and Lady Broadhurst, of Birdham, Sussex.

Mr R.H. Sims and Mrs L. Whitford
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Sims, of Freshfields, The Ridge, Porlock, Somerset, and Louise, youngest daughter of Sir John and Lady Whitford, of Parsonage Farm, Boxley, Kent.

Mr D.M.S. Barnes and Miss H.E. Day
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.R. Barnes, of Ightham, near Sevenoaks, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.H. Day, of Whiteley Wood, Sheffield.

Captain A.I. Cartwright and Miss T.J. Tong
The engagement is announced between Alistair Ian Cartwright, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, son of Colonel I.R. Cartwright, CBE, and Mrs Cartwright, and Tracey Jane, daughter of Mr G.C. Tong, of West Sussex, and Mrs D. Tong, of Bedfordshire.

Lieutenant N.C. Corden-Lloyd and Miss S.A. Wombell
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Charles Corden-Lloyd, 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles, eldest son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel I.D. Corden-Lloyd, OBE, MC, and Mrs Douglas Strachan, of Hewletts Mill, Galhampton, Somerset, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Wombell, of Bell Hall, Escrick, York.

Mr A.J. Crawford and Miss J. Alexandroff
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alan G. Crawford, of Poffley End, Hailey, Oxfordshire, and Joanna, daughter of the late Mr Jack Alexandroff and of Mrs Alexandroff, of Worplesdon, Surrey.

Mr D. Deacon and Miss J.E. Haddow
The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mrs V. Deacon, of Kelvedon, Essex, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dudley Haddow, of Tollesbury, Essex.

Mr N.A. Everitt and Miss B.C. Savory
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Anthony, younger son of Mr G.A.L. Everitt, of Minehead, Somerset, and Mrs K. Smith, of Sidmouth, Devon, and Belinda Catherine, younger daughter of Mr Barham Savory, of The Common Place, Walsingham, Norfolk, and Mrs D. Hoy, of Snowdenham House Cottage, Snowdenham Lane, Bramley, Surrey.

Mr I.R. Hardie and Dr R.M. Brown
The engagement is announced between Iain, elder son of Colonel R.H. Hardie, OBE, and Mrs R.H. Hardie, of Church Crookham, Hampshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D.I. Brown, of Weeley, Essex.

Mr J.A. Isaac and Mrs G.M.F. Savage
The engagement is announced between John Anthony Isaac, of Lower Hammonds Farm, West Horsley, Surrey, and Georgina Mary Farquhar Savage (nee Higgins), of The Orchard, Honeypots, Mayford, Woking, Surrey.

Mr H.J.H. Lonsdale and Miss C.J.N. Cochrane
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel R.T.H. Lonsdale, DSO, MC, of Coleford, Somerset, and Mrs Y.M. Lonsdale, of Amport, Hampshire, and Catriona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.G. Cochrane, of Edinburgh.

Mr P.R. Marsden and Miss A. Edward
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of the late Mr George Marsden and Mrs Rhoda Marsden, of Crosby, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arnold Edward, of Cheam, Surrey.

Mr I. Mellett and Miss E.A. Hayes
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs Frank Mellett, of Laleham, Middlesex, and Elizabeth Anne, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Hayes, of Llansannor, Cowbridge, South Glamorgan.

Mr R.N. Sciama and Miss F.V. Samuels
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mrs B. Simons, and the late Mr M. Sciama, of Hale, Cheshire, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Samuels, of Dublin.

Mr T. Shields and Miss H. King
The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs John Shields, Mallards, 2 Balbuthie Road, Kilconquhar, Fife, and Heather, daughter of Mr and Mrs John King, "Redlands", New Road, North Bourne, Bournemouth, Dorset.

Mr P.A. Walker-Duncalf and Miss S. Lawson
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs S. Walker-Duncalf, of Cheam, Surrey, and Suzanne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs V. Lawson, of Bookham, Surrey.

OBITUARY

FLORENCE ELDRIDGE

Classic American actress

Florence Eldridge, the distinguished American actress who played with her husband, Fredric March, in many now-classic Broadway plays such as *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, *The Skin of Our Teeth* and *Another Part of the Forest*, died on August 1, aged 86. Her husband died in 1975.

She was an actress who took the leading roles in the major theatrical events of her era and her achievement was the more memorable for the diversity of the characters she so surely portrayed.

She will be best remembered by present day theatregoers for creating the role of Mary Tyrone in Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey Into Night* in the first Broadway production in 1956. Several productions have followed since, but those who saw the original maintain that her artistry ensured it was by far the greatest interpretation extracted from the part of the tragic drug addict.

For it Florence Eldridge was named the best actress of the year by the New York Drama Critics Circle.

She had first established her stature in the 1920's when appearing in plays like Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of An Author* and *The Cat and the Canary*.

Like many stage actresses she played distinguished roles on the screen but these never put her into the popular stardom category so brilliantly exemplified by her husband.

Some of her admirers felt her devotion to marriage and family meant she had put his career before her own and the American stage suffered thereby.

During the 1930's, when her husband was a major box-office star, she appeared in several films with him including *The Story of Temple Drake* (1933), based on William Faulkner's *Sanctuary*, *Les Miserables* (again with March, in 1935) and *Mary of Scotland* (1936), in which she played Elizabeth I.

She had met and appeared opposite March in 1927 in Molnar's *The Swan*, and they were married within the year. Then, on a repertory tour, they were not allowed to appear in the same plays together, for managements of the day considered it unromantic to have a man and wife play lovers.

Eldridge was born Florence McKechnie in Brooklyn. After schooling she decided immediately on an acting career. She made her New York stage debut in the chorus of Jerome Kern's *Rockabye Baby* in 1918.

She had a reputation for being off-stage somewhat hard-boiled, yet many a young and aspiring actress saw her as only enormously gracious and encouraging.

Anecdotes about her abounded. In 1942, during the Broadway run of Thornton Wilder's *Skin of Our Teeth*, she and March carried on an epic feud with their notoriously temperamental co-star, Tallulah Bankhead. Elia Kazan, who was directing, told in his recent autobiography, *A Life*, that nightly, while Florence Eldridge was making her main speech, Tallulah would conspicuously comb her hair, endeavouring to upstage her. To retaliate, March stood in the wings gargling loudly while Bankhead, in turn, gave her big speech.

MR JACK SWIFT

Mr Jack Swift, who has died aged 74, was an ebullient bookmaker, racehorse owner and property speculator who made a fortune from gambling in all three sectors.

He was outstandingly successful as everyone outside and on the inside well knew. Indeed in 1966 he was able to sell his entire empire of betting shops to the William Hill Organization for a reputed £825,000.

It was a deal which, apart from its financial implications, brought Swift some amusement, since Hill's had initially been disinterested in the new cash betting shops.

Hill's said ruefully at the time: "We did not buy Mr Swift's shops for themselves. We wanted Mr Swift to come with them".

Swift joined the board of Hill's on which he remained until 1971.

He had been quickly off the mark when the Macmillan government introduced licensed betting offices in 1961. His Dover Street office was then the largest ready-money establishment in London and a score of other betting shops were established.

Swift owned a number of racehorses, which his son, Brian, rode and later trained. His most successful was Skindles Hotel, winner of the New Stakes at Ascot in 1956.

Orphaned at the age of 12, he became a dog track bookmaker at 15.

With his gratuity after service in the RAF in the Second World War he and his wife opened a small starting price betting business in Hounslow, Middlesex.

Within six years, he succeeded in buying out the old established firm of A.E.Brookes Ltd, with West End premises and a distinguished clientele, which Swift widened. This was to be the basis of his business empire.

PROF JOHN CROSS

Professor John Arthur Cross, the first holder of the chair of politics at University College, Cardiff, who died on August 2 aged 61, was a political scientist who will be remembered for producing biographies of two key ministers in inter-war Conservative governments, *Sir Samuel Hoare* (1977) and *Lord Swinton* (1982).

There were few startling insights in his writings about British politics but many solid virtues. What he was particularly good at was sorting out the complex matters usually to do with parliament, party discipline, or ministerial resignations, and drawing sensible conclusions.

These were contributions to knowledge from which students of the British system of government still profit. Notable among other works was an authoritative study with Keith Alderman of *The Tactics of Resignation* (1967).

It was his work on the resignation of Hoare in 1935 which brought him into the field of political biography. The result was a life as definitive as any could be on Hoare's personality and his contribution to domestic politics.

Cross, as always, had sensible things to say, his scholarship was solid and the book a major contribution to understanding the period.

On the life of the first Lord Swinton Cross provided an account of a much underestimated figure concentrating very largely on his work as a minister. Again it is a study, which will not need to be done again.

Cross entered St John's, Cambridge, directly from grammar school after the Second World War.

After a spell in adult education, he worked in the 1950s at the Central Office of Information. The job in London gave him the opportunity to begin his life of academic research in his spare time.

BISHOP FELIX ARNOTT

Mr Graham Tayar writes:

The point in your obituary of Archbishop Arnott (August 1) was very well made as I discovered when making a Radio 4 programme "The British in Venice". He was a rich and enthusiastic source of anecdotage on British links with that great city.

The Venetian way of life captured him especially in Italy — and very quickly. As he told me: "I tore up my driving licence and put it in the Grand Canal the first day I was here!" Arnott then proceeded to walk, and look about him intelligently, just about everywhere in that city. Many tourists, British and otherwise, benefitted from his knowledge.

Among the stories he told was how Henry Layard, the nineteenth-century adventurer and ambassador, who retired to Venice, had acquired a Bellini, the portrait of the Sultan Mehmet II now in the National Gallery, "on spec" for £5. He was about to dine out and did not have time to examine it. Layard was later to bequeath the work to the National Gallery.

MR ROBERT FERRO

Mr Robert Ferro, the American gay novelist, has died at the age of 46 of AIDS only two months after his companion of many years, and fellow-novelist, Michael Grumley, died of the same illness.

They had written a joint work, *Atlantis: The Autobiography of a Search*.

Ferro learned to write at the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa; later he was a member of the New York-based Violet Quill Club for gay writers, whose best known member was Edmund White.

Ferro was not well known outside the United States although his novels *The Family of Max Desir* and *The Blue Star* had a small cult following here.

But *Second Son*, whose publication in America the author lived to see, is due out in this country later this year.

This autobiographic account of a friendship between two men with AIDS has already caught the attention of a number of American critics.

MR TOSHIWO DOKO

Mr Toshiwo Doko, who died on August 4 at the age of 91, helped revitalize Japanese manufacturing industry after the last war.

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In 1965 he became president of the Toshiba Corporation, the electronics company.

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Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice.
Ephesians 4.31

BIRTHS

BARTLE - on August 4th, 1988 to Michaile and Kenny, gods gift of a 2nd daughter, a sister for Kayleigh

BENNETT - On August 4th, to Polly and Julian, a son.

BUCKINGHAM - On July 20th, to Elizabeth and Terry a son Andrew David. A brother for Alexandra.

COWLING - On August 2nd to Pauline (née Gimblett) and John, a daughter, Charlotte Louise

de GALLEANI - On August 1st, to Pauline (née Coubrough) and Simon a daughter (Rosalind Beatrice Lacy) a sister for Eleanor, Isabel and Imogen

DYMOCK - On Sunday July 31st 1988, in Wellington, New Zealand, to Charlotte (née Urquhart-Hay) and Marcus, a son.

HOARE - On July 23rd, to Nicholas and Arabella (née Heneage), a son Thomas.

HORROX - On August 4th, to Rachel (née Carson) and Tim, a very special daughter, Charlotte Julia.

JENKINS - On July 16th 1988, to Christine (née Wray) and Christopher, a very precious son, Alexander Richard.

KEMBER - On July 27th, to Angie (née Probert) and Chris, beautiful twins, Rosanna-May and William Edmund.

LANE - On August 2nd 1988, at the Westminster Hospital to Margaret (née Stubbs) and Robert a son, Edward James. Deo Gratias

LEICESTER - On August 1st, in Harrogate to Elizabeth (née Allan) & Mark a daughter Harriet Johanna.

LIVINGSTONE - On August 2nd, to Rosemary and Percy a son Michael Percy

MACLEOD - On August 3rd, to Louise and Ian, a daughter, a sister for Hugh and Guy.

MACNAMARA - On August 2nd, to Clare (née Asquith) and Rory, a son.

MAINI - On August 4th at The West London Hospital, to Geraldine (née Room) and Tony, a son, Alexander Amar Nath.

McDERMOTT - On July 29th, in London, to Sarah (née Herriker) and Evelyn, a daughter, Beatrice Mary, a sister for Gordon.

MORGAN - On August 4th, to Eve (née Bramub) and Nigel, a daughter, a sister for Sophie.

OZTURK - On August 2nd, to Dominique (née James), and Hakan, a son, Noyan Hakan.

VAN DE PETTE - On July 30th, at home to Nicole (née Ainley-Smith) and John, a son Thomas Henry Ainley, a brother for William, Jonathan and Matthew.

WARDER - On July 23rd 1988, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, to Rosalind (née Amies) and David, a daughter, a sister for Alexandra.

WHITE - On August 4th, in Winchester, to Fiona (née Lunn) and Philip, a son, Alexander.

WILLS - on July 18th, 1988 at Watford General Hospital, to Julie (née Hall) and Paul, a daughter, Jennifer Daisy

WISE - On August 3rd, to Katrina (née Fairbairn) and Peter a daughter, Serena a sister for Pandora and Candida.

WORSLEY - On July 29th, 1988, to Laura (née Pittield) and Jonathan, a son, Nicholas Arthington.

DEATHS

ACLAND-TROYTE - On August 4th, peacefully, John of River House, Huntsham. Funeral Service to be held at All Saints Church, Huntsham, Tiverton, Devon on Wednesday, August 10th at 3 pm. Donations if desired to All Saints Church, Huntsham.

ATKINS - On August 2nd, at the Winterborne Hospital, Dorchester, Margaret, beloved wife of Patrick and mother of Finuala and loving grandma of Jonathan and Sarah. Private funeral in Ireland.

BARBER - On August 3rd 1988, Rev. Thomas Edward Morton Barber, aged 81 years, Vicar of Spondon, Derby 1938 - 1986. Funeral Monday 8th August. Service 11am at St. Werburgh's Church, Spondon followed by interment at Spondon cemetery. No flowers please but, if desired, donations may be sent to St. Werburgh's Primary School, Spondon, Derby c/o Mrs B. Potter.

BINNIE - On August 2nd, after the most courageous struggle, Harold Farquhar aged 68. Cherished husband of Jane and very much loved father of David. Funeral Service at the United Reformed Church, Homewood Rd., St. Albans at 10.30 a.m. on August 9th followed by Cremation at West Hertfordshire Crematorium, Watford. No flowers by request. Donations to Harpenden Memorial Hospital, League Of Friends, Harpenden, Herts. Enquiries and donations to L.C. Weston, Funeral Directors, 96A Luton Rd, Harpenden, Herts. Tel. (05827) 2865/3595

CLARK - On July 31st, suddenly at home in Beaconsfield, Aubrey Vincent (Dick), late of Bournemouth and Ealing, beloved husband for 53 years of Ve. Dearly loved father of Rosemary and Maxwell, adored grandfather of Joanna, Jacqueline, Robert, Anna and Eleanor. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Penn, Bucks., at 2.30 on Tuesday August 9th, followed by private family service at Chilterns Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I. West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset.

COOKSON - On August 3rd, after a long illness bravely borne, at St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, Angela, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. R.G. Cookson of Clifton, Bristol. Fortified by the Rites of Holy Mother Church. Requiem Mass at St. Joseph and Paddern, Satterton Road, N7 at 11.30am on Tuesday August 9th. Family flowers only.

FARES - On August 1st 1988, peacefully after a brief illness, at the Sheik Rashid Hospital, Dubai, Samir Entile, adored husband of Lucile and father of Karim and Maknam. Samir had a distinguished career in International Advertising and was World President Elect of the International Advertising Association. He will be greatly missed by friends and business colleagues throughout the world. A funeral service was held at St Marys Church, Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, and Samir is to be buried in the family grave at his ancestral village of Roumieh in the Lebanon. A memorial service is to be held at the Brompton Oratory, Knightsbridge, London, at 3 pm on August 16th 1988.

HUCKETT - On August 3rd 1988, peacefully in St. Catherines Hospice Crawley, Sussex, Sally of Newick Sussex. Dearly loved wife of Brian and loving mother of Shelley, Danny, Guy, Timothy and Jacqui. Funeral service at St. Marys church Newick, Sussex on Tuesday August 9th at 3.30pm. Flowers or donations to St. Catherines Hospice c/o R.A. Brooks and Son, Ravenoak, Allington Road, Newick, Sussex. Tel (082572) 2895 or (0444) 454391

JEFFRIES - On August 3rd, Judith Lucy of Yeoman's Meadows, Sevenoaks, dearly loved wife of Colin Jocelyn, mother of John and Frank Shone and grandmother of four. Funeral service and cremation at Mitcham Crematorium, King's Lynn, Thursday August 11th at 12 noon.

LA-ANYANE - On Wednesday 27th July 1988 in London, after a short illness, Dr Seth the former Dean of The Faculty of Agriculture and Provice Chancellor of the University of Ghana and Head of the African Unit, Policy Analysis Division, Food and Agriculture Organisations of the United Nations. Survived by a widow and five children.

LANGLEY - On August 3rd, 1988 peacefully at home, Rosemary Elizabeth, beloved wife of Bernard and devoted mother of Susan and Sarah. Funeral service to take place at Altrincham Crematorium Chapel on Tuesday 9th August at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Leighton Hospital League Of Friends. Enquiries to George Lightfoot, Witton Mews, Northwhich. Tel: (0606) 42011.

MACDONALD - On August 1st, Suddenly at his home at Taunton Somerset, Christopher Patrick Ranald, only son of the late D.R. Macdonald of Waternish, Isle of Skye and Mary (née Cookson). Cremation on Tuesday August 9th at Taunton. Ashes to be interred at Waternish.

O'HARA-FORSTER - On August 3rd, at home after a long illness, Mary Geuntlett, beloved mother of Caroline Inigid. Funeral August 10th at 2pm at St. Peter's Church, Limpsfield, Surrey. No flowers please but donations to Cats Protection League, Barn Jet, Tultinglye Road, Crawley Down, West Sussex RH1 042R. Communications to Brigid O'Hara-Forster, c/o Time Life International, New Bond Street, London W1.

OXLEY - On August 1st, 1988, peacefully at Noble's Hospital, Isle of Man, Robert Frederick Oxley, aged 78, Founder of Oxley Developments Company, Priory Park, Ulverston. Darling husband of Ann Shirley and dearly beloved brother of Lilian. Funeral service to be held at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Aldingham, Ulverston, Cumbria, on Monday August 8th, at 1.30pm. Floral tributes to Messrs. Little and Caine, 96 Market Street, Dalton-in-Furness, Cumbria.

PEART - On August 3rd, peacefully at home, Thomas George Anthony Hunter (Tony) aged 51 years, of Ringfield House, Blind Lane, Hurworth. Much loved husband of Sally and father of Louise, Amanda and Freddie. Funeral Service at the Abbey Church of St Hilda, The Headland, Hartlepool, Monday August 8th 12.15pm. Prior to private Cremation. Family flowers only donations in lieu, if so desired, to Hartlepool Hospice, Alice House, Hutton Avenue, Hartlepool, Cleveland.

POOLE - On August 3rd 1988, peacefully at home, Roger Eaton Poole A.R.I.B.A. dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Richard, Michael and Jane. The funeral service will take place at Saint Michael's Church, Framlingham, Suffolk on Tuesday 9th August at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to MacMillan Nurses (East suffolk) 427 Woodbridge Rd, Ipswich.

ROSS - On Wednesday August 3rd, 1988 peacefully at Saint Stephen's Hospital, Manolita Gandara Ross beloved wife of Rear Admiral George Campbell Ross. Funeral service on Wednesday August 10th at 4 pm at Mortlake Crematorium. Flowers by 2 pm to EB Ashton & Co, 96 Fulham Rd, Chelsea, London, SW3.

SHIPTON - On August 4th, peacefully at Folkestone, aged 91 years, Victoria (Queen). For 57 years devoted wife of the late Keith and adoring mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Service of thanksgiving at Holy Trinity, Sandgate Road, Folkestone on 11th August at 11.45 a.m. Family flowers only but donations to the Royal Merchant Navy School Foundation, Bear Wood, Wokingham RG11 5BG which will be acknowledged.

SILVERTHORNE - On August 3rd, 1988, suddenly, at Frimley Park Hospital, Bill Silverthorne, Lt Cdr RN (Ret'd), much loved and missed by his wife Peggy and children Jane, Alison and Clive. Funeral service on 10th August at Guildford crematorium at 3.30 pm. Funeral Directors H.C.Patrick & Co, 86 East Street, Farnham 0252 714884.

SZCZEPANSKI - On August 2nd 1988, peacefully at home with her family, after an illness borne with great courage, Ivy Clara Szczepanski (née Wood), beloved mother of Mark, Alex, Susan, Christine and Samantha. Funeral at Putney Vale Cemetery, SW15 on Wednesday 10th August at 2.15 p.m. Flowers to Francis Buchanan, 42 Magdalen Road, SW18.

THOMAS - On August 3rd, after a short illness in hospital at Wolverhampton, Peggy Rosemary (née Lovatt) aged 90, Much loved wife of Leslie and mother of Allan and Meryl, grandmother of Christopher, Susan, Charles and Carol. Funeral service at Claverley church on Wednesday 10th August at 2.15pm. Family flowers only.

UNSWORTH - On August 3rd 1988, peacefully in a nursing home, Dorothy aged 86 years, formerly of Bloomsbury Grove Timperley and Northenden. Beloved wife of the late Arthur Leslie. Funeral service at the Altrincham Crematorium on Wednesday August 10th at 12 noon. Flowers if wished. All enquiries to Messrs. John G. Ashton and Co. Tel 061 928 7816

VAN STAVEREN - On August 2nd 1988, peacefully, Bette fought a great fight. She will always be in our hearts and minds.

WAY - On July 30th, suddenly at his home, Paul David, aged 56, very dearly loved husband of Margaret and father of Steven and Janet. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Upper Norwood, at 2.30pm on Friday August 5th. Flowers if desired or donations to All Saints Fabric Fund, for the redecoration of the Church.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

GLEADELL - The funeral will take place for Major General Paul, C.B. C.B.E. D.S.O. on Wednesday August 10th, at the Holy Trinity Church, Dorchester at 11.30am afterwards at Downwood Lodge, Higher Came. Family flowers only.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HEDGES - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of David Hedges will be held at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London on Wednesday 31st August at 12 noon.

THE TIMES

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Archaeology

Hallmark of an early age

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Archaeologists in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, have found a silver dish bearing what seems to be the earliest known hallmark, a century older than current examples.

The stamp is in the form of a leopard's head, and the bowl – plain and unworn – seems to be part of a domestic service of plate.

This is slightly surprising since it was found in the silts beneath the kitchens of Shrewsbury Abbey, last year. A liturgical vessel might have found its way there, but such sumptuous goods are unexpected in a monastic context, especially away from the abbot's dwelling. The bowl's presence there is still a mystery.

The kitchen, a large square stone building, was built in the fourteenth century. Since the bowl was found in the silt accumulated during the earliest period of use, it also would seem to be of this date.

The adjacent moat was filled with domestic waste, in which was found a remarkable series of preserved leather and wooden objects, including a decorated knife-sheath.

The excavations, carried out by Birmingham University Field Archaeology Unit under Nigel Baker and Malcolm Cooper, and reported in the unit's recent publication and in *Current Archaeology*, took place in the garden of a once-splendid dwelling known as the Queen Anne House, on the south side of the Abbey precinct close to the mill, fishponds and guesthouse.

The work is part of the Shrewsbury Heritage Project, investigating the history of the site before redevelopment.

The Abbey was the shrine of St Winifred, whose remains were acquired in 1138 and formed the basis of a pilgrimage cult and medieval tourist trade. The nave of the great church still survives as a parish church, but Thomas Telford's creation of the London-Holyhead road in the 1830s ploughed through the cloister.

A single medieval hall, the "Old Infirmary", survives from the residential buildings. The so-called infirmary was probably the monastic guesthouse, and the confusion arose from its Latin name, the *hospitium*.

It was an impressive building, reflecting the popularity of the cult of St Winifred, and making the substantial nature of the adjacent kitchens understandable.

A complete brick watermill of about 1800 has also been found close by, with an intact iron water-wheel inside it. The medieval mill, the site of which remains elusive, is in Domesday Book and recorded as a substantial source of income for the newly-founded abbey.

There were three mills in the Middle Ages; the last one on the abbey site was burnt down and demolished only in 1906.

Source: BUFAU Report 9: 4-7; *Current Archaeology* 109: 59-62.

Church news

Church in Wales
Diocese of Monmouth

Appointments

The Rev A J Edwards (Rector of Cwmbran) to be Honorary Canon of St Woolos Cathedral.
The Rev C D Westbrook (Vicar of St John Baptist, Newport) to be Honorary Canon of St Woolos Cathedral.
The Rev R E Pain (Curate-in-Charge of Cwmtillery and Six Bells) to be Vicar of the benefice.
The Rev C J Blanchard (Assistant Curate, Rectorial Benefice of Ebbw Vale) to be Vicar in the benefice.
The Rev I M Liversuch (Assistant Curate, Risca) to be Priest-in-Charge of All Saints, Newport.

Resignations

The Rev A K Jones, Incumbent of Penhow Group of parishes (3 July).
The Rev B J Favell, Vicar of Cwmcarn (31 August).
The Rev W M Davies, Rector of Bedwas (24 August).
The Rev G K Cameron, Vicar in Rectorial Benefice of Llanmartin on appointment to a chaplaincy at Wycliffe College, Gloucester (31 August).

Church of Scotland

Inductions:

The Rev Christopher Wallace, to Balmaghie linked with Tarff and Twynholm.
The Rev Dominic Smart to Logie, Dundee and St John's (Cross).
The Rev Alexander F Bonar to St Clements and St Ninian's, Musselburgh.

Translations:

The Rev J R H Hamilton from Kildrum, Cumbernauld to Davidsone Mains Edinburgh.
The Rev R C M Morton from Prestongrange, Prestonpans to Jerusalem.
The Rev J E Stewart Low from Panbride, Carnoustie to Rotterdam.

Retirals:

The Rev Robert Hall, Carnock.
The Rev Walter M Ferrier, St Andrew's, North Berwick.
The Rev Alexander L Walker, Trinity Possil and Henry Drummond, Glasgow.
The Rev David C Gordon, Cigha and Cara.
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Cheat with a cheery glass

DIANA LEADBETTER

Great British summers cannot always be guaranteed but no one could accuse Britons of failing to mark the occasion. Wimbledon may be rained off, Glyndebourne a washout and the cricket cancelled, but the British bulldog spirit takes inconsequential set-backs such as these in its stride. So, drag out the deck chairs, dust off the picnic basket; you may not have realized it, but summer's here . .

One drink more than any other is associated with our summer and that is Pimm's. James Pimms, a 19th-century London restaurateur, may not have realized that his unusual form of a Gin Sling, flavoured with herbs and liqueurs, would still be so wildly popular a century later, but it is. Purists insist that nothing can come close to Pimm's unique bitter-sweet flavour, especially when it is served simply without a floating fruit salad and parasol garnish.

All that a first class Pimm's requires, say the purists, is one generous measure of the liquor poured into the bottom of a large glass, or a pint mug if you have a free afternoon, plus several cubes of ice and one slice each of lemon and cucumber peel. Leave this to steep for a few minutes and then top it up with chilled sparkling lemonade. Given that Pimm's is now a weaker blend, even the most fanatical of the Pimm's purists will admit to pepping up their silver tankards with a shot of gin to bring it up to its previous strength. Sainsbury'sOddbins is one of the cheapest outlets for Pimm's, with bottles, priced at £6.95. More economical still, and a fraction of the price of the real thing, is my Cheat's Pimm's.

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All you need to do to make up your measure of Cheat's Pimm's is to mix one part red Vermouth (either French or Italian will do) to one part gin, and then top up with fizzy lemonade in the usual way.

Sainsbury's has recently enlarged its own-label range of fruit liqueurs, any of which will cheer up a dull glass of summer white wine, if you mix a small teaspoon of liqueur into the drink. There are now three in the range, all produced by the quality-minded firm of Lejay Lagoute in Dijon. The 50cl, 15 per cent alcohol bottles of these fruit liqueurs cost £3.99 each.

My favourite is still the fine, blackcurranty Crème de Cassis version with its blackcurrant taste, but sweet-tooths will enjoy the exotic blackberry flavours of their Crème de Mûre liqueur, and possibly the rather more spirity Crème de Framboise, or raspberry liqueur.

Summer barbecue food, if you can keep the coals alight that is, needs light, fruity red wines that can cope with the spices and damp down the fire in your throat. The Victoria Wine Company has an excellent 11.5 per cent '87 Anjou Rouge (£2.49) whose bright crimson purple colour boasts a fresh grassy, raspberry scent backed up by a soft, light, equally fruity palate.

If we have any hot days at all in August, then this Anjou Rouge can easily be served slightly chilled, as can a much finer summer red that is sensational when drunk with lamb — Paul Cinquin's '87 Beaujolais-Régnié, Domaine des Braves.

M. Cinquin, as anyone who has visited his cellar will know from his awards, is one of that curious breed of Frenchmen who cycle competitively in such races as the Tour de France. Judging from the superb wines that come from his domaine, he is as skilled and determined in his cellar as he is on the cycle track. Don't miss out on his glorious, vibrant, fruit-packed '87. (André Simon sell it at £5.35.) With the wedding season still here, you might care to celebrate the nuptials with a few bottles of Charles Heidsieck's new Brut Réserve from the Victoria Wine Company at £11.99. (Majestic stock it for £11.49.) The Gare du Vin, 23 Old Brompton Road, London SW7, and 160 High Street Winchester, is selling this champagne at the discount price of £10.79 until tomorrow. Brut Réserve is a completely revamped non-vintage wine and is a vast improvement on the previous disagreeable thin, non-vintage Brut blend and contains a much higher proportion of aged wines. I loved its pale gold colour and fresh scent and smokey taste.

If you would prefer to serve one of the more pukka *grandes marques* names then visit Oddbins, which is celebrating a quarter of a century of wine trading this year. Now is the time to make use of the company's generous offer of seven bottles of any champagne on its list (except for Dom Pérignon Rosé) for the price of six.

Good non-vintage champagne buys on Oddbins' lengthy list of more than 50 different champagnes include the fruity Bricout Carte Noire (£10.75), from the little-known champagne house of Bricout & Koch, owned by Kupferberg, the giant German sparkling wine firm, plus the clean-cut light, appley Laurent Perrier (£12.99).

If your budget can cope, try the fine, flowery Pol Roger non-vintage (£14.49) with its especially creamy mousse, a champagne much admired and drunk by Churchill, so that when the great man died Pol Roger added a black border of mourning to the labels.

Finer still, Louis Roederer's glorious new non-vintage blend, Brut Première (£15.99), whose honeyed, biscuity scent is backed up by a very fine, rich biscuity-fruity palate.

If sparkling wine is what you had in mind, Oddbins has a light, fresh G. F. Cavalier Brut (£2.75) made by the Caves de Wissenbourg, north of Strasbourg and close to Germany. It is excellent.

Peach fizz appears to be the fashionable drink of summer '88 and you can easily make your own by pouring a large dollop of peach juice into the bottom of a tall glass (either purée your own peaches or buy peach nectar — most supermarkets carry the Lindavia brand from Germany, as does Majestic at 95p), and top up the glass with fizz.

Here comes summer!

Jane MacQuitty

Chill thought of port on the rocks

In Britain, fortified wines are traditionally considered winter warmers — drinks to go with nuts, nibbles and heavy fruit cake. But in their countries of origin, where climates are notably hotter than ours, they play their part as summer refreshers as well.

What could be more bracing as a summer aperitif than a fresh and properly chilled glass of sharply refreshing dry sherry?

The freshness and the chilling are, though, all-important. Sherry in Britain has suffered a profound depression from stock left lingering far too long on shop shelves, or, even worse, open bottles left to languish at the back of consumers' cupboards.

The summer sherries are *fino* and *manzanilla*, both very dry, with a clean, zesty tang, accentuated in the case of *manzanilla* by especially high acidity and what some take to be the salty influence of the sea breezes down on the coast at Sanlúcar de Barrameda, where the wine is matured.

***Manzanilla* is noted for its qualities as an *aperitif*. Antonio Barbadillo and Vinícola Hidalgo are leading producers and particularly fine examples of their wines are Hidalgo's pungent and delicate Manzanilla La Gitana, (Henry Townsend & Co, 04946-78291, £3.95; Gerard Harris, 0296 631041, £4.10; Admams, 0502-724222, £4.31) and in a softer, more mature style, though still with that appetizing salt and nuts finish, Barbadillo's Solear Manzanilla Pasada (Hicks & Don, 0373-864723, £4.65; Laymont & Shaw, 0872-70545, £4.80).**

For *fino* the bestselling and widely stocked Tio Pepe is generally a safe bet, with Domecq's La Ina and Garvey's San Patricio close contenders.

Sainsbury's Pale Dry Fino (£3.19) has done particularly well in recent blind tastings.

An especially welcome trend is that toward selling *fino* and *manzanilla* in half-bottles, which follows years of wine writers suggesting that sherry remnants be re-corked in half-bottles and stored in the fridge until consumed.

This has now spread from the likes of Fortnum & Mason (which has Don Zoilo Very Old Fino in halves at £4.15) and the Curzon Wine Co (the same at £3.60) to Majestic Wine Warehouses, whose halves include San Patricio at £4.29, and Sainsbury, which has halves of its own-label Manzanilla in 225 branches at £1.75.

Port, Britain's national post-prandial tipple, is now almost demoted to a Christmas treat for most British drinkers. Our European neighbours take more and more of the product, Belgians downing it as an aperitif, the French drinking it with ice.

Horrors, you might think, but that is how they do it in Oporto too, where ruby is served chilled, young tawny on the rocks with a twist of orange, and white port with ice and lemon.

Cockburn's has launched a new brand of white port, Light White (retailing at about £5.99 in Tesco and elsewhere) in hope of developing a market for white port here as light summer drinking. However, it is open to anybody to make long summer drinks, also with the fruity young ruby and tawny wines widely available.

Finally, even the drier Madeira styles, Sercial and Verdelho, make pleasant summer aperitifs, especially on the cooler evenings.

***Oddbins* has made a special push with Madeira lately and has Cossart & Gordon Five-Year-Olds at £5.99, 10-Year-Olds at £11.25, and as a special treat, Blandy's Verdelho Solera 1880 at £25.49.**

Robin Young

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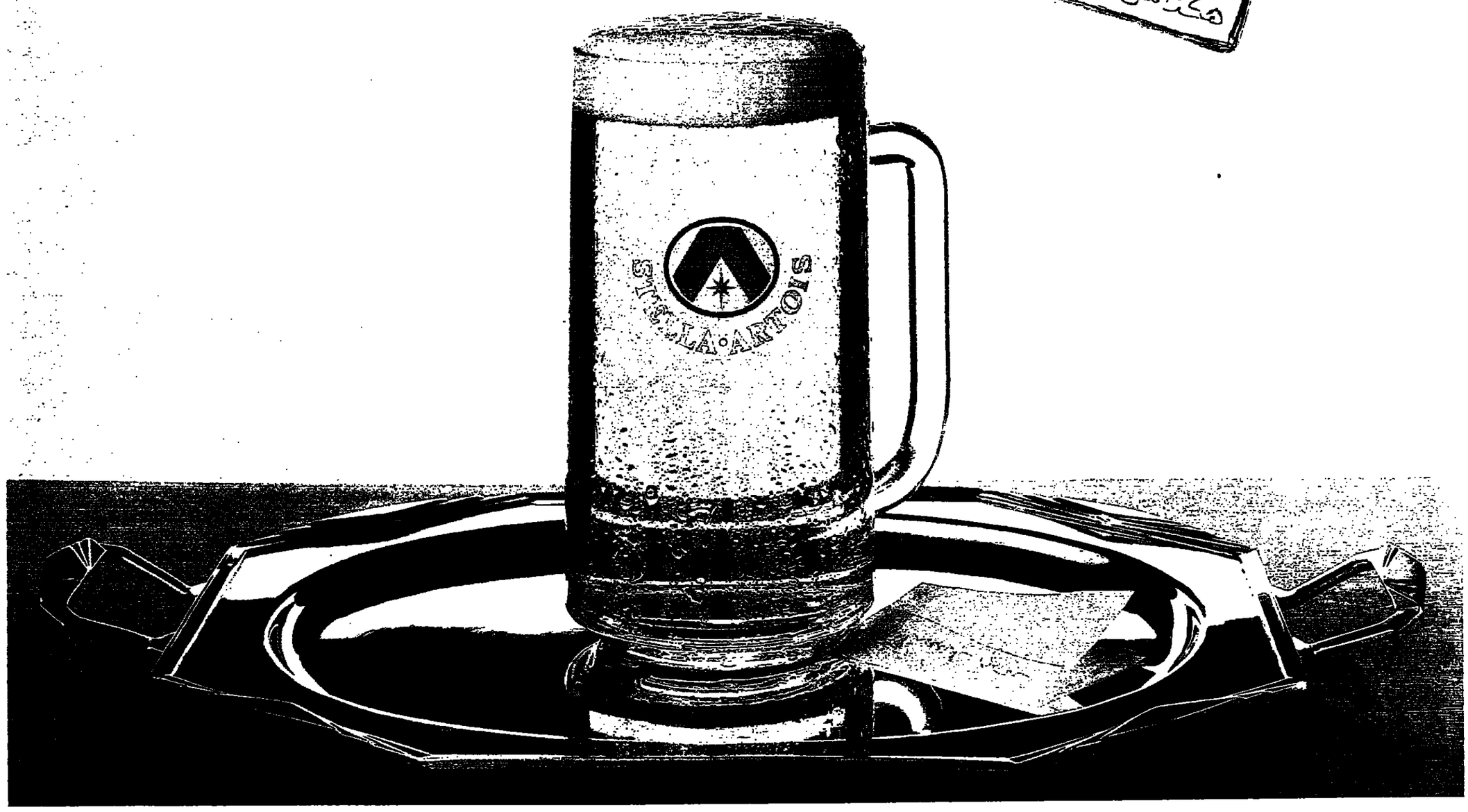

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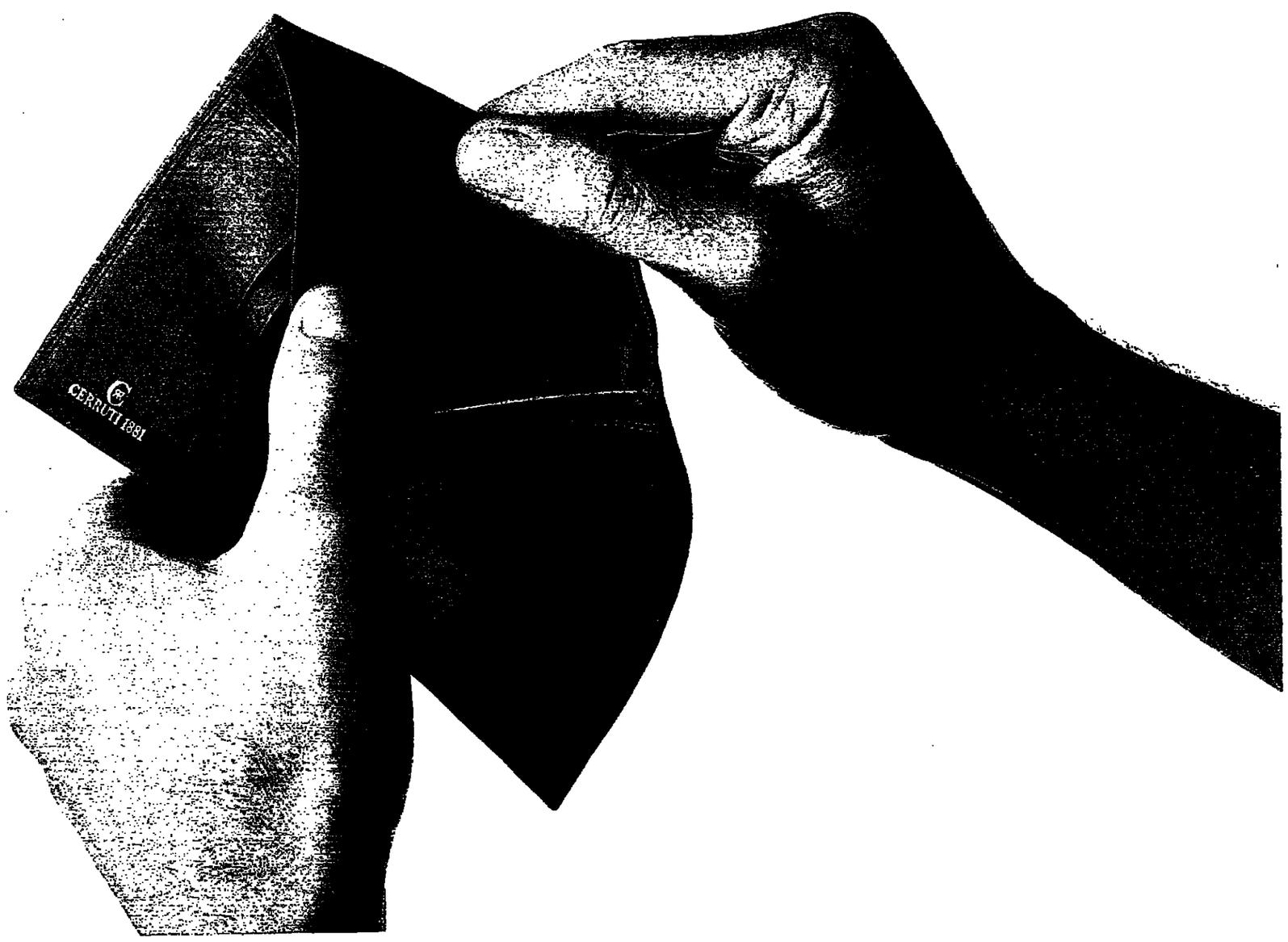

Can you?

Better red than hot and thirsty

The days of red wine being drunk only in winter are over — at least, they should be, writes Robin Young

There is a psychological bent toward supposing that red wines are for the winter. It may be because we associate red with those emblems of winter warmth — Father Christmas's coat, holly berries, glowing embers and electric fires.

But there are just as many reasons to associate red with summer — redcurrants, strawberries, raspberries for example. And it is the ripe, juicy flavours of these red berry fruits that are reflected in red wines that are ideal for summer drinking.

These are not the long-lived classic clarets and their heavyweight equivalents — wines with a heavy dose of preservative tannin that will taste harsh and austere if they are drunk cool. Instead they are the lighter-bodied red wines intended to be drunk while still fresh, fruity and young.

Their sharp, refreshing fruit flavours are actually enhanced and concentrated when they are served cool or lightly chilled.

Start with an inexpensive experiment. Go to Sainsbury and buy a bottle of its Vin de Pays de la Vallée du Paradis, from the area around Carcassonne. It costs £1.99.

They have rather hotter summers around Carcassonne than we do, so it is not so surprising that they make red wines that can be enjoyed lightly chilled in hot weather.

This one, which includes Grenache and Syrah in its blend, is extremely pleasant, easy summer drinking with the straightforward appeal of those sweet, ripe summer fruit flavours.

Served cool it is an ideal, unfussy wine for a light chicken lunch or a picnic.

You can prove the same with the redcurranty Vin de Pays du Gard from Asda (£1.85); move upmarket with the soft and gentle Château Lavabre 1986 Coteaux du Languedoc from Tanners of Shrewsbury (0743 232007) at £2.83, and the lingering, plummy, spicy flavours of the 1986 Domaine de Belvezet Côtes du Vivarais from Adnams of Southwold (0502-724222) at £3.05.

Or you can widen your range further with Marks & Spencer's St Michael Claret (£3.99 a litre, which equates to £3 a bottle) in which the grassy, red-currant tones of the Cabernet Franc grape predominate.

Do not be put off by the metal screw-top on this last — another "sacrilege" which, like cooling, is perfectly permissible with wines that are made for prompt consumption.

Cabernet Franc is the grape that makes most of the Loire's classic red summer wines, and there are some lovely examples about this summer.

Saumur Champigny is all the rage in France just now and Harrods stocks Bouvet's vigorously racy Saumur Champigny Rouge 1986 at £4.99.

The wine is a perfect balance of plump fruit flavour and juicy acidity.

But for Cabernet Franc at its most gracious and elegant go for Couly-Dutheil's 1985 Domaine René Couly Chinon, at £5.98 from Berry Bros. & Rudd (01-839 1841), a prestige cuvée from a top producer.

For the silky and appetizingly sweetish flavour of summer Pinot Noir, I would suggest the delicately raspberry-like Bourgogne Clos des Chenôves 1985 by the exuberantly successful Cave-Co-opérative of Buxy (Justerini & Brooks, 01-493 8721, £4.86; Thresher, £4.99) or the same Co-op's very similar Grande Réserve *élevée en fûts de chêne*, from Barnes Wine Shop, (01-878 8673), at £5.25.

It tastes, by some miracle of wine-making technology, like a bumptious Beaujolais — ideal for the season

Summer wines do not always come from classic grapes. Tesco has succeeded in a task many would have thought impossible: finding a really good German red wine and putting it on sale from British supermarket shelves.

The 1986 Kapellener Kloster Liebfrauenberg Dornfelder QbA Trocken (£3.19) is quite a mouthful in wine as well as words. Dornfelder (b. 1956) is the most promising of Germany's new red grape varieties, nicely fulfilled in this fruity scented and attractively flavoured deep ruby coloured wine. Try it with summer pork or chicken, cool or chilled.

Italy's favourite summer red is Bardolino from the banks of Lake Garda near Verona.

Two fine examples available in the pale, tawny *chiaretto* style are the Classico Superiore 1986 by Guerrieri-Rizzardi (Barwell & Jones, 0473 231723 or 01-493 3997, £3.63; also on promotion at Fortnum & Mason, £3.75); and 1986 Fraterna Portalupi (Winecellars, 01-871 3979, £3.35; The Market, £3.69).

These are dark *rosé* wines with pungency and bite that will go well chilled with fish. Fraterna Portalupi also does a first-rate *rosso* (same stockists and prices), a strawberry and toffee confection that will be excellent served cool with bean or pasta salads.

For a weightier, more rumbustuous Italian offering, the Dolcetto di Ovada Trionzo 1985 by Giuseppe Poggio (Adnams, £5.75) is a sturdy, concentrated wine bursting with fruit flavour and good to go cool with summer grills and stews.

Tasting Beaujolais: Robin Young, left, Don Hewitson (wine-bar owner) and Jane MacQuitty

The best of the crackingly good 1987 Beaujolais for current drinking is Alain Passot's elegantly scented and juicily flavoured Chiroubles Domaine de la Grosse Pierre. (Haynes Hanson & Clark, 01-736 7878, £56.30 by the case, £5.20 bottle; Winecellars £61.80 by the case, £5.15 bottle).

But for a confusing Beaujolais taste-alike you might try cooling a bottle of Rosemount Estate Diamond Reserve Hunter Valley Dry Red 1986 (Tesco or Asda, £3.99). Not only does it come from Australia instead of France it is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

That does not prevent its tasting, by some miracle of modern wine-making technology, like a bumptious Beaujolais. Ideal for summer drinking.

Good health by the bottle

Organic wines are good for you, *writes Jane MacQuitty*. At least that is what organic wine producers would have us all believe. But it is worth remembering that these wholesome-sounding wines are not made completely without the use of chemical preparations and treatments, merely with the minimum that the vine grower or wine maker can manage.

And until the EEC finishes preparing an organic wine standard, the producers of these wines and their consumers are likely to remain somewhat hazy about what does and does not constitute an organic wine.

Currently any wine that bills itself as an organic wine, or *vin biologique* as the French call them, follows the basic principle that no, or as little as possible, chemical fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides will have been used in its production.

What this means is that manure and compost are used to fertilize organic vineyards; plant and herbal-based sprays are used to protect the vine against diseases, and vine pests are kept in check with their own natural insect or bacterial predators.

In the cellar, natural yeasts found on the surface of grape skins are responsible for the fermentation, not innoculated yeast strains, and traditional, old-fashioned methods of clarifying and preparing the wine are used, instead of modern fast-working chemical treatments.

By adhering to methods such as these, organic grape growers hope to return to a more natural balance in the vineyards, where vines are not weakened by over-enthusiastic use of chemical treatment, and are allowed gradually to become resistant to disease. Vital vine treatments such as spraying with the traditional Bordeaux mixture, a copper sulphate solution which protects the vine from downy mildew, are allowed however.

Similarly, in the cellar organic wine makers hope to avoid unnecessary chemical treatments altogether and use the smallest amounts possible of the essential ones such as sulphur and then, in this case, using only natural flowers of sulphur rather than the manufactured variety. Organic wine producers remain convinced that what can be achieved swiftly with chemicals can also be produced naturally, admittedly with rather more time and effort.

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Idealistic these principles may be, but in an increasingly health-conscious age, it is reassuring to know that organic wine producers are prepared to attempt an alternative winemaking route to the scientific, accepted, widespread and chemical-based norm.

This is reassuring, especially so when such unappetising winemaking additives and treatments as dried oxblood and sturgeons' bladders are currently allowed by the EEC, as are the much more worrying substances of ammonium sulphate and potassium ferrocyanide.

Sceptical, non ecology-minded wine drinkers may feel that if all organic wine producers are trying to do is to reproduce the necessary chemical treatments naturally, and if the end result is the same, what on earth is the point of drinking organic wine?

Those with allergic reaction to wine, like asthmatics, may be helped by switching to the organic variety.

Organic wine merchants are fond of stating that their wines are fuller and richer in flavour than non-organic wines, with more interest and character. Alas, from the organic wine tastings that I have attended I have not found this to be the case.

However, interested organic-wine consumers should contact Lavinia Gibbs-Smith at 19a Wetherby Gardens, London SW5; the Organic Wine Company Limited, PO Box 81, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, or West Heath Wine, West Heath, Pirbright, Surrey.

Be it rain or shine, white seems right

A cool, refreshing glass of white wine may not seem the most appropriate drink in a damp squib of a summer such as this one, *writes Jane MacQuitty*. But I suspect that whether it shines or pours, we still all consume more white wine than usual during the summer months.

Certainly those classic English summer treats of asparagus, salmon and strawberries all marry rather more successfully with white wines than they do with red.

Straightforward, inexpensive white thirst-quenchers that will not make you feel grim the next day, are always more difficult to track down than their red-wine sisters and are, I think, the most tricky wine recommendations to make of all.

An appetizing white gulping wine for summer is the '87 Domaine de Planterieu, a Vin de Pays from Gascony, whose fresh, young, barley sugar and pear drop-like style is more expensive than the Bordeaux Blanc at £2.35 a bottle but the 1.5-litre version (£4.55), also from Waitrose, is better value.

Gascony has surpassed itself in recent years with well-made wines such as this, a great achievement considering the humble grape varieties with which they are made. This '87, incidentally, will probably be at its most flavoursome and tongue-tingling best in a few months' time, when these youthful, sweetshop-like characters will have dissipated and the true flowery flavour of the wine will shine through.

Nobody has written to me this year to ask for picnic wine suggestions. If they had, I probably would have recommended the '87 Minervois Blanc, Dom Maris from Majestic Wine Warehouses (£2.59), with its pale gold colour and appealing, light apricotty scent and taste. Good value and something of a rarity as this part of the Midi mostly produces red wine.

Majestic has also just brought in a special parcel of white wine from leading Bordeaux merchant Nathaniel Johnston, Prince Pirate Blanc, Cuvée AL, on sale at just £1.99 a bottle is about as cheap as you are going to get in the white wine stakes these days and is a predominantly Sémillon wine topped up with a little Sauvignon.

I much enjoyed its fresh green, musky bouquet and lively, verdant palate: summer '88's best bargain white-wine buy.

Modestly priced white wines are fine for parties and picnics but more elaborate meals and occasions deserve finer wine. One of my favourite middle price range white wines, is the wondrous '86 Domaine du Tariquet, Cuvée Bois, Barnes Wine Shop, 51 Barnes High Street, London SW13 £2.89.)

This is another Gascon white but what differentiates it from other white wines from this region is its sojourn in oak barrels giving the wine its rich, golden colour and wonderful, perfumed oak smell plus a delicious oaky-fruity palate. Tariquet's flavours are so pronounced and distinctive that you may not like this wine on your first tasting of it but, I promise, you will on the second.

Not dissimilar to the Tariquet style is the fine '86 Bourgogne Blanc Clos de Chenôves from the admirable Groupement de Producteurs Co-opérative at Buxy in Burgundy. Like the Tariquet this wine is also aged in oak and has a deep-golden colour plus a very fine, waxy, pineappley palate (Thresher £5.99). Just the wine to serve with creamy, full-flavoured summer dishes such as *vitello tonnato*.

Portugal has its own version of a fine oak-aged white wine, partly made from Chardonnay grapes by a talented Australian wine-maker, the amazing '86 Catarina (Winecellars £4.19, Oddbins £3.69), the finest white wine to come out of Portugal. With its elegant, ripe, oaky scent and taste, it is well worth seeking out. Do not let this wine's kitsch label put you off.

Fresh salmon, with a generous dollop of *hollandaise* sauce, cries out for a first-class, big, buttery Chardonnay to accompany it. Australia and California now have some stylish examples of top-notch Chardonnay.

One of Majestic's latest purchases is the delicious, rich, buttery-oaky '87 Allandale Chardonnay from the Hunter Valley, north of Sydney, whose distinctive lemon-clove aspect puts it firmly in the Australian Chardonnay camp (£5.49).

California Chardonnay such as the splendid '86 Newton Chardonnay with its spicey-buttery perfume and cinnamon-like oak-influenced palate, from the Napa Valley, can be as rich as their Australian counterparts but they often have a sherbet-like intensity on the palate as this one does (Laytons, 20 Midland Road, London NW1, £9.39.)

Fresh, soft, summer fruits such as strawberries, raspberries and peaches certainly deserve luscious sweet white wines to accompany them.

And with all this wet weather about, you may need to cheer up bruised and battered fruit that is past its best. This is swiftly and deliciously, done by simply splashing a glass of a fine, sweet white wine such as the Tolley's glorious '87 Late Harvest Muscat (Oddbins £2.99) with its delicate rose-petal scent and light, grapey, non-cloying palate over the fruit.

Beers with the taste of bubbly

"The champagne of the North" is said to have been the verdict of Napoleon's troops when they discovered the sharply acidic *Weissbier* of Berlin. In its home city, this style of beer is always served in an over-sized champagne saucer, and laced with essence of woodruff or raspberry syrup. The Bavarians sometimes add a slice of lemon to their own style of Weisse or Weizen beer.

The Bruxellois have similar seasonal summer beers, *Framboise* and *Kriek*, in which the fruits (raspberry or cherry) are added by the brewer as a secondary fermentable material. These are beers, rather than wines, because their original base is grain, with fruit added as an afterthought.

The champagne-like acidity in all these styles derives from the use of a particular grain, wheat, in addition to the usual malted barley. Each can now be found in Britain, in speciality outlets ranging from the Beer Shop, 8, Pitfield Street, Hoxton, near the Old Street Underground, to the pub-cum-merchant, the Masons Arms, Strawberry Bank, in Cartmel Fell, Cumbria.

In the days of rustic brewing even the British made the odd wheat beer, and the style has just been revived here. The regional brewer Vaux, with pubs in the North-East and Yorkshire, is giving a trial run to its own Weizenbier in selected houses. These include a beer-lover's favourite, the Princess Louise in Holborn, London.

Wheat beers, the most exotic of summer brews, are technically ales rather than lagers. A unique hybrid between these styles was improvized during the Gold Rush in the American West.

In the absence of refrigeration, beer was fermented warm, but the yeasts available were of the lager type, which prefer colder temperatures. The resultant beer had such a lively head that it was said to "steam" when the cask was opened. The only surviving example of the style, Anchor Steam Beer from San Francisco, has just entered the British market through Majestic Wine Warehouses. It is today a product of outstanding quality, with the fruitiness of an ale, the cleanness of a lager, and a wonderfully aperitif-style, hoppy, dryness.

There is also a newish range of beers called Newquay Steam, from Cornish Breweries. In this instance, Steam Beer is a contrived brand name, and not an indication of style. The selection includes a wide variety of styles, including ales, stouts and lagers.

Faust, from Eldridge Pope of Dorset, and Samuel Smith's Natural Lager, from Yorkshire, are also among the more authentic-tasting British interpretations. "Natural" beers, made without preservatives, are inevitably more vulnerable to damage from heat and light.

The term "lager" is German for "store" but refers to the period of cold maturation at the brewery. This procedure gives a good lager its characteristic cleanness. The term has nothing to do with colour. The original lagers, made empirically by the Bavarians during the 1400s but not perfected until the early 1800s, were dark brown. This style of *dunkel* ("dark") lager is still widely available in Bavaria, but is rarely sighted here.

All lagers were dark until a renowned Viennese brewer produced a translucent, amber-red example. Austrian colonial adventures in Spanish America left Mexico with one or two Vienna-style lagers. One example, Dos Equis, is imported to Britain by Maison Caurette, and is often found in Tex-Mex restaurants here. Its malty spiciness makes a good complement to chili.

The first pale, golden-coloured lager was produced by the municipal brewery of Pilsen, Bohemia, in 1842. Pilsner *Urquell* ("original source") is still made by the same brewery, and is quite widely available in Britain.

The renown of this beer inspired brewers everywhere to produce golden, hoppy lagers that they call Pilsners (or Pilseners or Pils), usually at a similar gravity, about 1048, with around 5 per cent alcohol by volume. This has become the standard for a classic lager of the Pilsner type.

The other great brewing town of Bohemia was called Budweis during the days of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and is known in Czech as Ceské Budejovice. Its Budvar brewery exports its own Budweiser beer to Britain. In the late-1800s, the beers of the town inspired the American Budweiser, which is now produced under licence in Britain. Both the Czech and American beers are sweetish, pale lagers, of a similar alcohol content, but the latter is lighter in body.

In general, German Pilsner-style lagers are fullest flavoured in flavour, followed by those of Belgium, while the Dutch and Danish examples are milder, the Americans very light and the Australians sweetish.

Because import duties are very high and distribution difficult in a tied-house system, only the true specialities tend to be imported. Most mass-market "foreign" lagers are actually made in Britain, under licence. Some brewers adopt both practices; Löwenbräu Special Export is shipped to Britain, but the same brewery's Draught Strong and Pilsner are brewed under licence, for example. Some such British-brewed products, such as Stella Artois, resemble the original; others do not.

If all of this is too confusing, the recommended course of action is to stick to Guinness — half-and-half with champagne, of course. The perfect summer brew.

Michael Jackson

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Germany calling but do we listen?

German wines have been attracting heavy fire from some pretty big guns lately, *writes Robin Young*.

West Germany's commercially oriented wine producers have been publicly lambasted by the Wine Society for "churning out vast quantities of rather tasteless, uninteresting wines" and by Mark Savage, Master of Wine, of Windrush Wines, for "flooding world markets with cheap sugar-water of dubious origin".

John Armit, a London wine merchant, complains that every year he writes about the romantic Rhine and its elegant wines, with their fragrance of spring flowers and honey, only to sell "a few cases of fine German wine and vast quantities of Liebfraumilch and Berger Bernkastel".

So is it their fault for producing rubbish, or ours for drinking it? A bit of both probably, since there can be no doubt that British consumers do fight shy of long and complicated names, and latch firmly on to those that are easiest to remember. Nor does the sweet nature of the best German wines necessarily appeal to customers who have learnt to love dry Chardonnay and Sauvignon.

The way in which German wines have lost the confidence of the trade could not have been more eloquently shown than by a blind tasting, which I organized, devoted to white wines to drink by themselves.

German wines are not particularly good with food (although Auslesen can be good with ham and pork, and Beerenauslesen with puddings) and this should have been an open invitation to retailers to submit their favourite German offerings. Instead among more than 30 submissions, only two wines were from Germany.

This is carrying reaction too far. We still take more than half of all West Germany's exported wines. Germany provides a full third of all the still and sparkling wine we drink. And Germany's wines, when properly made, do make ideal, refreshing summer drinking.

Those who are willing to give Germany another chance could start by going to Littlewoods, a supermarket chain which has had a special reputation for German wines for some years. Its Piesporter Michelsberg, £2.39, actually retrieves a little credit for a much-abused name, while the St Johanner Abtey Auslese from the Rheinhessen, at £3.39, is a good introduction to fair German quality.

So it can be done, even in bulk outlets, and there are occasional good selections to be had, also at supermarkets, with astute buying teams such as those of Waitrose, Tesco and Sainsbury. Look for the word Riesling on the label, clearly indicating that the wine has been made with Germany's classic grape. Wines without it have usually, though not always, been made with inferior Sylvaner or Müller-Thurgau and cannot hope to reproduce the clean-cut elegance, flowery scent, lively flavour and steely backbone that Riesling achieves.

Make it a general rule also, in Germany's case, to insist not only on "quality" but quality *"mit Prädikat"* (with distinction). The Germans count the vast bulk of their wine good enough to qualify as *"Qualitätswein"*, to the extent that the word is now seriously devalued.

The *Prädikat* to look for is *Kabinett* for light, delicate aperitif wines; *Spätlese* for wines made with slightly later picked grapes, which give a bit more body; *Auslese* for richer, fuller wines with more flavour, which can be drunk with turkey, ham, duck, *foie gras*, fruit tarts and oriental dishes such as sweet and sour pork or Peking duck, as well as on their own; *Beerenauslese* for intensely sweet wines from individually chosen over-ripe berries; and *Trockenbeerenauslese* for the richest and sweetest dessert wines with pungent, honeyed, over-powering flavour.

Wine bottled by the grower is coming with a good recommendation

To avoid run-of-the mill, commercially oriented "lolly" water, look for the word *Erzeugerabfüllung*, which shows that the wine has been bottled by the grower. This is a good recommendation, but note that co-operatives (some of which — such as the Zentralkellerei Badischer Winzergenossenschaften — are very good) are allowed to describe all their wines thus.

For consistently high standards, though, it is advisable to concentrate your search among merchants such as Corney & Barrow (12, Helmet Row, London EC1V 3QJ, tel: 01-251 4051), that are still prepared to put their energy and enthusiasm behind selling those few cases of really fine German wines from the greatest growers on the Rhine, Neckar, Mosel, Saar and Ruwer.

Other firms with exceptionally strong German lists are O. W. Loeb, 64 Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 0AS, 01-928 7750; Lay & Wheeler, 6 Culver Street West, Colchester, Essex CO1 1JA, 0206-67261; Adnams, The Crown, High Street, Southwold, Suffolk IP18 6DP 0502-724222, and Henry Townsend & Co, York House, Oxford Road, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire HP9 1UJ, 04946-78291.

Estates with unimpeachable reputations for exceptionally fine wine include Langwerth von Simmern, Dr Weil and Staatsweingüter Eltville, for the ripe peachy wines of the classic Rheingau; Balbach and Guntrum for the best of Rheinhessen; Dr Bürklin-Wolf, Bassermann-Jordan and Reichsgraf von Buhl for the luscious spicy flavours of Rheinpfalz; Reichsgraf von Plettenberg and the Staatlichen Weinbaudomänen Niederhausen-Schlossböckelheim in the Nahe; the Friedrich Wilhelm Gymnasium, the Bischöfliches Weinguter, and J. J. Prüm for the light and refreshingly acidic wines of the Mosel; and von Schubert, Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt, von Hövel, and the Vereinigte Hospitien for the thrilling freshness of the Ruwer and steel-sharp zest of the Saar.

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TELEVISION

Still open to debate

Discussions about the rights and wrongs of the state of Israel bring out the best or the worst in people, depending on your point of view. The last play in the current David Mercer season, *A Dinner of Herbs* (BBC2) was one long, bizarre, often violent and ultimately unconvincing such discussion.

It was unconvincing because it was set within the strained formal context of a love affair, or at least a relationship, between a quietly committed Israeli teacher Nadav (Yoram Gal) and a noisily intrusive visiting journalist Jane (Fiona Victory).

Nadav's allegiance to Israel was neither fundamentalist nor unquestioning, but it did result in a machine gun in the cupboard and periods of service in the Army. Jane's self-righteous opposition to all things Israeli seemed to be based on the justification that as she was a journalist she understood the world rather better than anyone else around did.

We saw her having an unproductive interview with an Israeli government spokesman, and debating with Nadav's dying father. She ranted against the historical justification for the Israeli state and against their attitude to the Arabs.

We are told that Mercer based her character on himself, and if that is so he must have had a painful kind of self-hatred to endure, since she emerged as *deeply unsympathetic, bludgeoning* and arrogant. Nadav, on the other hand, was quietly dignified, preoccupied with his young daughter, and often silent (a stance which she typically interpreted as priggish, smug and pompous).

Whether Mercer meant this one-sided relationship to slant the discussion silently in a pro-Israeli direction it would be hard to say. Autobiographically, his own anti-Israeli views must have changed before his death, and I do not know why this play has remained unperformed until now.

But the result was not to leave the scales evenly balanced. It left me feeling that only those who live through the situation in Israel have any right to interpret it.

Excellent performances throughout, though Fiona Victory's Jane never quite attained the level of brazen flamboyance demanded by the script.

William Holmes

John Higgins reports on the opening opera of the Salzburg Festival, conducted by Riccardo Muti

Mozart's winning score

OPERA

La clemenza di Tito
Salzburg Festival

Whether by accident or design, the first three operas in the this year's Salzburg Festival have all been concerned with forgiveness. In the small Festspielhaus, Angelina has been magnanimous to her step-father and step-sisters in *La cenerentola*. Next door at the large Festspielhaus there is conciliation, perhaps only temporary, all round in the last act of *Le nozze di Figaro*. While up above, in the Felsenreitschule at the opening performance, there was the pardon of Tito Vespasiano himself towards those who would kill him, in *La clemenza di Tito*.

A certain amount of musicological squabbling has being going on over whether Mozart, in his final opera, wrote a paean of praise to royalty who forgive the sins of their subjects, or whether indeed he was encouraged to show a fairly unsavoury emperor in a benign light. A third suggestion is made by Peter Brenner, who stages Salzburg's new production: the milk of kindness which, rather improbably, started flowing through the veins of Titus in his middle years, led to the softness that encouraged plots around him.

Quite a lot of this seems designed to make Titus a rather more interesting character than in fact he is. After the conspirators have tried to carry out their fell deed at the end of Act One, all that remains to be seen in Act Two is whether they will be punished. And the answer to that question is given in the title of the opera.

But, if Titus himself is a none too rewarding part, there remain those of the evil Vitellia, aspiring to the throne of Rome, and Sesto, who is cajoled into carrying out her wishes. And there is, of course, the score itself: Mozart at his most elevated, bending and twisting the old-fashioned form of *opera seria* into new shapes to suit his art.

In *Clemenza* the conductor has to be supreme and in Riccardo Muti, conducting his third opera here, Salzburg have found an outstanding exponent of the work.

It is sometimes overlooked that Muti is a great Gluck interpreter, dating back to his *Orfeo* at Florence well over a decade ago. But it is the spirit of Gluck that Muti brings to *Clemenza*, not just the emotional outpouring of Vitellia's Rondo "Non piu fiori", but the colouring which at times makes the solo instrument as important as the human voice.

Comparisions, inevitably, will be made between Muti's *Clemenza* and the one of 1976 with which James Levine made his opera début here. If memory serves, Levine was lighter and — dare one say it of this roly-poly figure? — leaner, while Muti is grander and more solemn.

Comparisons too are going to be made between Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's staging of that year and what Peter Brenner has achieved now. Here the divisions are much clearer cut. Ponnelle's *Clemenza* was quite simply one of the best uses ever made of the Felsenreitschule. Brenner's production is no more than formal in a rather middle-aged way.

His designer, Enrico Job, blocks off the centre of the stage with a massive circular curtain, green as the Salzburg fields after a thunderstorm (of which there have been plenty this year), suspended from four tall obelisks. It is a handy device for changing scene, but it totally destroys the symmetry of the Felsenreitschule itself.

A massive staircase is built to the left of the stage, but scarcely used. Nor does Brenner employ much those corners of the playing area which are ideal for the exchanging of confidences: when Annio and Sesto get together for the Duettino "Deh prendi", which suggests that they are as much in love with one another as with anyone else, it comes as a mighty relief. Much of the rest is mere regal gesture very handsomely dressed, as though we were listening to Racine rather than Mozart.

The grandest vocal sounds come from Carol Vaness as Vitellia, who has now reined in her tendency to sing too loudly. She has always had the power to express vocal emotion — and Vitellia is not short of feelings, whether vicious or repentant —but this is now matched by notable vocal control. A very Gluckian performance, much in line with Muti's reading.

Delores Ziegler as Sesto has not got Vaness's fire-power, but she makes a credible tomboyish figure riven by doubts and delivers each number with grave sincerity. A mezzo new to me, Martha Senn, is well contrasted as a *faux-naïf* Annio, who gets his way through wide-eyed adolescent charm — an artist to be watched.

The other half of the *Clemenza* sextet of principals is less impressive. Gosta Winbergh's tenor has the necessary declamatory weight for Titus, but like others before him he fails to hew out any character from the role.

Christine Barbaux sings Servilia well enough but lets her remain a cypher. Laszlo Polgar makes it all too obvious that Publio is not Mozart's most rewarding bass part.

No, this was a *Titus* where the Vienna Philharmonic with Muti and the Chorus (under Walter Hagen-Groll) carried the day and the clemency was required from time to time on stage.

● There are further performances on August 7, 13, 21 and 28.

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Crowning moment: Carol Vaness (left) as Vitellia, with Delores Ziegler as Sesto, in Peter Brenner's Salzburg production of *La clemenza di Tito*

Night music

Roger Woodward
Kensington Town Hall

This was inspired programming for a late evening of musical contemplation, and indeed inspired playing. Roger Woodward began with the Barraqué sonata, a work which he goes on revealing as huge and uncomfortable, beginning with such a gathering of creative and re-creative energy, then running aground on episodes of note repetition that become almost unbearable precisely because the expressive effect is not forced but left simply inevitable. He comes at last to the long stretch of negation that is what the piece is about, though of course the broken gestures, the thinned textures and the silences here gain their meaning from the contrast with the abundance that has gone before.

This was a long performance, lasting a little over 50 minutes, but conveyed throughout with intense concentration, total confidence in every move, and a strong feeling for the drama of Barraqué, for the desperation in a sudden high motif coming in the middle of baritone rumination, or for the crushing malignancy of the lowest register. Fifteen years after the composer's death it remains regrettable that he was unable to fulfil his plan to write another sonata for Woodward, even though a second Barraqué sonata is among the most unimaginable of might-have-beens.

Two Stockhausen piano pieces, Nos. 9 and 11, provided a striking contrast, for where the Barraqué has immense singleness of purpose and strength of movement through all its discontinuities, Stockhausen, like Messiaen, finds no problem in being disjointed and static. These were big, empowered and scintillating performances, but there was a sense, even with a will like Woodward's at work, of whistling in the dark. Nor have I ever heard it made so clear that the composer of *Licht* was already there, harmonically, in his music of the 1950s.

Paul Griffiths

CONCERTS

Outline Walton

BBCWSO/Thomson
Albert Hall/Radio 3

For a variety of reasons, Walton's opera *Troilus and Cressida* has never quite become a popular success. Yet there is much fine and attractive music in this score, and it is very good news that the orchestral suite which Christopher Palmer has fashioned from it is so skilfully executed. It is arranged in four sections, tracing the action of the opera in outline.

The third section gives us the love music, at first warm and gently ardent, but soon rising to an *orgiastic consummation*, described by the composer as "pornographic". The fourth section includes an episode in Walton's familiar martial vein. The suite deserves to be heard as regularly in the concert hall as the Sea Interludes from Britten's *Peter Grimes* (which it echoes more than once). True, the arrangement is not the composer's own: on the other hand, it is more substantial than the *Grimes* interludes, and I have little doubt that the composer would have approved.

The BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, which has long since developed into a first-rate band, played excellently under Bryden Thomson. They also passed the tests they were set in two more conventional repertory items: Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kijé* Suite and Holst's *Egdon Heath*. The former calls for acute rhythmic precision and flawless solo work, both of which were forthcoming, not least from the uncredited cornet player.

Now that it is becoming academically respectable for those of us who are Tchaikovsky admirers to venture out of the closet, it is more vital than ever that the old war-horse of the First Piano Concerto is given sympathetically. Sadly, Jean-Philippe Collard's approach was, for the most part, good old-fashioned keyboard pounding. The magical, impressionistic soundscape of the slow movement was briefly hinted at, but I doubt if it was enough to win the work many new admirers.

Barry Millington

Cowboy capers

DANCE

Dance Theatre of Harlem
Coliseum

Dance Theatre of Harlem has always ranged far in its search for suitable ballets, and thereby made some interesting rediscoveries. Not least the new staging of *Billy the Kid*.

Created for Ballet Caravan in 1938, it was an example of Lincoln Kirstein's belief that American ballet should take inspiration from American history and folklore. Aaron Copland's score draws upon traditional cowboy songs, and Eugene Loring's choreography shows Billy's violent life as part of the opening up of new frontiers. In the processional beginning and end, this seems portentous, but elsewhere it makes for vivid effect and even humour.

The ballet has been mounted from notation, and a sharper producer's hand could put more edge on its details and performance. Donald Williams gives Billy a stubborn pride, although his motif of pirouettes and airturns at every killing could do with more pistol-shot precision. Stephanie Dabney brings gentle strength to the sweetheart who fills his dreams; Hughes Magen is excellent in some aspects of Alias, the role embodying all his victims.

A pity that Jared French's original designs could not be used; Robert Fletcher's simplified adaptation of them looks less well. The programme included John Taras's adaptation of *The Firebird*, with Judy Tyrus admirable in the title role, and a set of seemingly arbitrary movement exercises by John McFall, to Martinu's *Toccata e Due Canzoni*, which did little for its dancers or this observer.

John Percival

Youthful promise

Australian Ballet
Covent Garden

The Australian Ballet were unnecessarily timorous, I think, in scheduling during the London season only one performance of a work by their latest choreographer, Timothy Gordon. His *Sonata for Seven* shows a bold use of movement and assured stagecraft, and suggests that he has a real gift worth persevering with.

Gordon, a New Zealander, began his dancing career with the Australian Ballet, but his choreographic style shows more the influence of the time he has spent with Netherlands Dance Theatre and the Frankfurt Ballet.

The music is Prokofiev's Piano Sonata No 7, ably played by Nigel Gaynor. Gordon began by staging just the second movement for a studio performance and the ballet's piecemeal beginnings show in the fact that each section explores a quite different style.

First comes an extremely aggressive situation among three men: Brett Morgan is the toughie, Ricardo Ella the victim, and Mark Pace the one who gets by thanks to natural cunning. This section is full of clashes, throws, and falls, all toughly and astutely handled.

The second movement shows a woman (Kathleen Reid) whose loneliness is alleviated for a time by a handsome stranger (Steven Heathcote) who may be real or imagined. Finally, there is a quick fiery relationship between Fiona Tomkin and David McAllister.

Each of the music's three movements is reasonably faithfully reflected in the choreography. What the ballet does not do is to draw them together into a coherent whole, although Hugh Colman's costume designs and William Akers's harsh lighting go a long way to disguise that.

J.P.

Serge Lifar's *Suite en Blanc* is a straightforward display piece, a series of bravura dances set to an attractive score by Edouard Lalo. It demands considerable virtuosity and a strong sense of style. The former is amply supplied, but for these mainly very young dancers, the sophistication and wit needed to add the final glitter proved elusive. None the less, there were some admirable performances, notably from Anna de Cardi in the *Serenade* and Fiona Tonkin in the *Flute* solo.

I could imagine myself loathing Maurice Béjart's *Gaité Parisienne* but, danced by the Australian men, with their straightforward masculine style, the Parisian "copains" are immediately transformed to "best mates".

The ballet can best be described as a series of picture postcards of Paris, the Belle Epoque and Béjart's own early days as a dance student, working with the legendary Madame Rousanne, wonderfully played here by Mary Duchesne with jet black wig and impenetrable Russian accent. Mark Annear as Bim, the Béjart-figure, wanders happily through a gallery of Second Empire characters and Paris stereotypes.

He finally wins the praise of his teacher and their alter-egos dance a rapturous *pas de deux*.

Judith Cruickshank

Anouilh's sturdy fairy-tale

THEATRE

Ring Round The Moon
Chichester

In the 1960s Anouilh's reputation began to dip, in France as over here, and if English audiences know his work of the period then it is partly because John Clements stubbornly continued to produce it at this theatre. His enterprise could only have worked in the context of a festival theatre, possibly only at this theatre, where audiences could be expected to carry fond memories of the two plays that had given the author his reputation as the creator of piquant fairy-tales: *Time Remembered* and *Ring Round the Moon*.

If Anouilh's *Ring* was produced even half as often as *The Importance of Being Earnest* its sparkling lines would have become as familiar to us as the handbag, the Brighton line and the rest of them. There is even a witty aunt, though she is kindlier than Lady Bracknell and plays the good fairy in sorting out the mismatched young lovers.

This year's Chichester production, directed very creditably by Elijah Moshinsky, uses the Christopher Fry translation that Peter Brook, good heavens, produced with Scofield as the identical twins, Frederic the tender one and Hugo the cynic. Fry closely models his wit on the original, and where there are departures the reasons are often obvious. Hugo is Horace in the French version but obviously nobody could be a cynic, still less glamorously upper class, while answering to Horace.

The setting is delicately airy: a winter garden attached to a great house, and just a touch ostentatious with its golden palm trees and shiny black floor (designer, Saul Radomsky.) The language too sometimes takes off into flights of fancy but the plot has the sturdiness of every good fairytale. The cynical twin invites Isabelle, a poor ballet dancer, to the ball with instuctions to lure the tender twin away from the millionaire's daughter whom, unknown to himself, the cynical one loves.

The other characters are all engaged in schemes of their own that become caught up in the main tale. In one of Moshinsky's choicer pieces of business three of the men go whirling about the stage in a wild movement on the edge of lifting into a dance. Their different schemes are in danger of colliding, and so are they. Christopher Godwin is specially comic here as Isabelle's fussy patron Romainville transformed into a sort of frantic black starfish.

To the critical playing of Hugo and Frederic, Michael Siberry brings dashing good looks that become sinister or apologetic at the drop of an eyebrow, and a voice drooling in mockery, stammering with embarrassment. Frederic is not a role that offers much to an actor, but that is the play's fault.

Anouilh keeps his obsession with poverty under control. It blazes powerfully in the skirmish between Isabelle (an elfin Holly Aird) and Diana, the elegant heiress (Linda Thorson, first rate). The play says something about role playing but nothing profound: it is, as Fry cleverly sub-titled it, a charade with music, where the figures invent a part to play and all dissolves in laughter.

Observing the charade from a wheelchair is Googie Withers's spirited and golden hearted Gorgon. Among other pleasures are June Whitfield's gushing parvenu, the crab-like walk of Michael Denison's crumbling butler and, in more sombre vein, Jose Ferrer as a dyspeptic millionaire, condemned to a diet of plain noodles but at the end, to general satisfaction, consenting to add to them a little salt. Anouilh may not have been tops as a philosopher of life but he knew how to round off a play.

Jeremy Kingston

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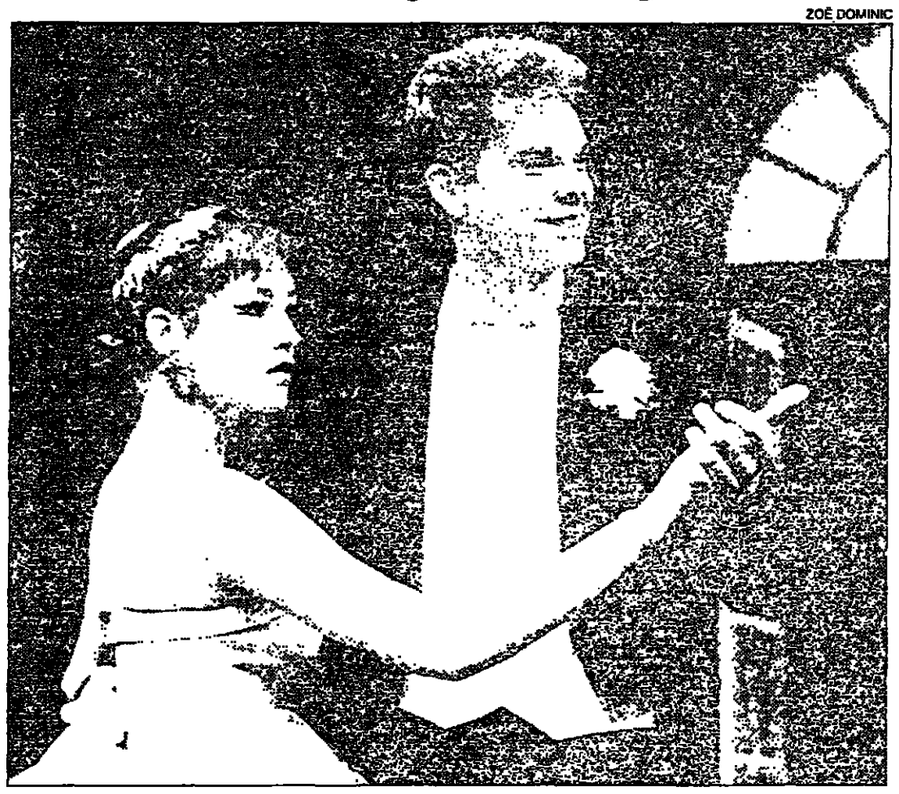


Dancing in a ring: Holly Aird as Isabelle, Michael Siberry as Hugo/Frederic make a dashing partnership

The Rain Gathering
Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh

On a deserted rainswept beach, two young lovers kick over the dying embers of their short but intense affair. There are fragmentary flashbacks and internal thoughts are given voice. We are not spared the intimate details. Jeremy Raison, writer and director of this latest addition to the Traverse's summer season, makes no attempt to conceal the fact that his play is based on personal experience.

Even if he did, one would have one's suspicions; some of the detail comes into the "stranger than fiction" category and the Jamie character (Ben Daniels), a.k.a. Mr Raison himself, is more fully realized than the girl, Claire (Geraldine Fitzgerald). Perhaps that in itself is a kind of achievement; it is not easy to write honestly or convincingly about oneself.

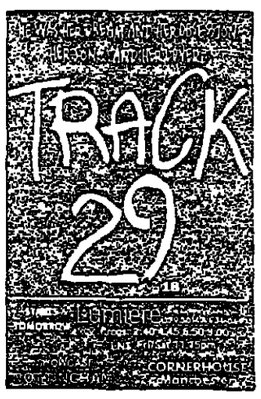
Trouble is, it's a bit like peeking into someone's very well written but very private diary. Ben Daniels and Geraldine Fitzgerald make matters worse by acting so well, striking up a convincing relationship on stage which is all too real in its faltering first steps, in joys and miseries.

The question which hangs over all is whether the accurate reproduction of what actually happened, obviously the raw material of drama, can be drama by itself without being marinated in other experiences, processed through the dramatist's skill and technique and generally universalized. I don't think it can, any more than a crushed grape can be called wine.

***This is not a matter of personal* prejudice; the proof is right there in *The Rain Gathering*, in the very imbalance between the two characterizations. If it was drama, it wouldn't matter because there would be more going on than the anatomizing of the relationship. As it is, the one-sidedness of the play — clever, kind, shy, loving Jamie as against the quixotic and self-destructive Claire — makes it look dangerously like personal therapy for Raison.**

That would be over-stating, however. There's enough here to make one want to see more of Raison's writing as it matures and confirms his already growing reputation as an extremely talented and subtle director.

Robert Dawson Scott



INFORMATION SERVICE

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BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
★ Returns only
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON:** J.M. Barrie's other desert island play, with Rex Harrison as the futile earl and Edward Fox as his perfect butler.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Now previewing, 7.30-10.30pm. Press night Aug 8, 7-9.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed, Sat 3-5.50pm. £6-£11.

★ **ARTIST DESCENDING:** Visual, aural and erotic misunderstanding in stage version of Stoppard's ingenious radio play.
King's Head Theatre, 115 Upper St, N1 (01-226 1916). Tube: Angel/Highbury & Islington. Tues-Sun 8-9.20pm; mats Sat 3.30-4.50pm and Sun 3-4.20pm. Tues-Fri £6; Sat and Sun £6.50.

☆ **HELLO AND GOODBYE:** Estelle Kohler and Antony Sher as brother and sister in Fugard's absorbing play. Start of a two-month season of RSC productions.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida St, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Press night tonight, 7pm. Then tomorrow at 2pm and 7.30pm. In repertory from Aug 22, £5.50-£8.50.

☆ **MRS KLEIN:** New Nicholas Wright play centring on a domestic tragedy in the life of psychoanalyst Melanie Klein.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Previews from tonight, 7.30pm. Press night Aug 10, 7pm, then in repertory, £7.50.

☆ **THE RECRUITING OFFICER:** Jim Broadbent as rascally Sgt Kite in a strongly cast production of Farquhar's tough comedy.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, £5-12.

☆ **THE THREE SISTERS:** Brian Cox and Harriet Walter lead the RSC in its first Barbican Chekhov.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891). Tubes: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Now previewing, 7.30pm, £5-13. Press night Aug 9, 7pm, opens Aug 10, 7.30pm, £6-15.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ **COMING TO AMERICA (15):** Eddie Murphy as a pampered foreign prince who comes to America to select his own bride. A botched comic vehicle with a touch of sweetness; directed by John Landis. (116 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.10, 11.00.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.15, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.35, 5.15, 8.15, 11.20.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.05, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25, 11.15.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.45, 3.05, 5.35, 8.15, 11.10.
Plaza 1 (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15, 10.45, 1.15am.
Plaza 2 (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30, midnight.

■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE II (PG):** Disappointingly flat sequel to the runaway Aussie hit, with Paul Hogan repeating his role as the king of the outback (112 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 5.50, 8.30, 11.00.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 3.00, 5.45, 8.30, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.45, 5.45, 8.30, 11.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.30, 9.15.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30, 11.55.

THE COUCH TRIP: Dan Aykroyd plays an anarchic prisoner who escapes, impersonates a psychiatrist, takes over a radio phone-in show and becomes a media celebrity (98 min).
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.10, 8.35.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5906). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 6.00, 8.15.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 6.00, 8.40, 11.35.

HAIRSPRAY (PG): Nutty comedy from director John Waters, America's high priest of bad taste, poking fun at the social habits of Baltimore teenagers in 1962 (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 3.35, 5.35, 7.35, 9.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.15, 8.45, 11.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35, 11.15.

A HANDFUL OF DUST (PG): Directed by Charles Sturridge, James Wilby and Kristin Scott Thomas star in Evelyn Waugh's savage novel (118 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.50, 3.10, 5.40, 8.20.
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.30, 6.30, 8.45.

HAWKS: British black comedy, set in the fleshpots of Amsterdam and London, with Timothy Dalton and Anthony Edwards as two men faced with the prospect of death. Written by Roy (*Last of the Summer Wine*) Clarke; directed by Robert Ellis Miller. (110 min)
Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 12.40, 3.10, 6.00, 8.40, 11.40.

THE JUNGLE BOOK (U): Revival of the joyous Disney cartoon based on Kipling's stories, with knockabout visual gags and simple but effective animation (78min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0130). Progs 1.20, 3.45, 6.10, 8.35.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.20, 8.30.
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-622 6644). Progs 12.25, 2.30, 4.35, 6.40, 8.45.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723-2011). Progs 11.15am, 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.45.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 11.30am, 1.30, 3.30, 6.00, 8.50.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 11.45am, 1.35, 3.30, 5.20, 7.15, 9.10.

■ **POLICE ACADEMY V (PG):** More looney antics from the US police squad, starring Bubba Smith, David Graf and Michael Winslow. (90 min)
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.15, 8.35, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30, 11.20.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.15, 8.35, 11.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.40, 11.15.
Warner West End (01-439 0791) 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 11.15.
PRINCE – SIGN 'O' THE TIMES: Concert film with Sheena Easton (85 min).
Dominion (01-580 9562). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.35, 11.15.
TRACK 29: Prickly psychological drama from director Nicolas Roeg and writer Dennis Potter, about a bored American housewife (Theresa Russell) whose life is overturned by a stranger claiming to be her long lost son (Gary Oldman) (91 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691) Progs 2.40, 4.45, 6.50, 9.00, 11.15.
VICE VERSA (PG): Lively variation on F. Anstey's comic fable, with Judge Reinhold as the workaholic department store executive who swaps bodies with his young son (Fred Savage). Directed by Brian Gilbert (98 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40, 11.45.
WINGS OF DESIRE (15): Wim Wenders's epic tale of two angels watching over the citizens of Berlin (127 min).
☎ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 6.00, 8.45, 11.15.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

SPADE WITH WHICH
(c) From Wordsworth's "To the Spade of a Friend": "Spade! with which Wilkinson hath tilled his lands."

FLACCID CORPSE
(c) From Alfred Austin's "The Wind": "Then I fling the fisherman's flaccid corpse/At the feet of the fisherman's wife."

THE FEEBLE WORM
(b) From the Wesleyan *Hymn Book*: "O may thy powerful word/Inspire the feeble worm/To rush into thy kingdom, Lord,/And take it as by storm."

THEN THE MAIDEN AUNT
(a) Tennyson *The Princess*: "Then the maiden Aunt/Took this fair day for text, and from it preach'd/An universal culture for the crowd."

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (–) Coming to America
2 (1) Crocodile Dundee II
3 (–) The Jungle Book
4 (–) Vice Versa
5 (2) The Couch Trip
6 (5) Wings of Desire
7 (7) A Handful of Dust
8 (8) Prince – Sign 'o' the Times
9 (4) Hairspray
10 (6) Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach

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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 Crocodile Dundee II
2 The Jungle Book
3 Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach
4 Three Men and a Baby
5 Throw Momma from the Train

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UNITED STATES:
1 (–) Cocktail
2 (1) Who Framed Roger Rabbit
3 (2) Coming to America
4 (3) Die Hard
5 (5) Midnight Run
6 (4) The Dead Pool
7 (6) Bambi
8 (9) Big
9 (8) Caddyshack II
10 (7) Big Top Pee Wee

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VIDEO RENTALS:
1 Masters of the Universe
2 Inner Space
3 Big Foot and the Hendersons
4 Beverly Hills Cop
5 Flight of the Navigator

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For crying out loud: Dennis Robinson, town crier from Sandbach

Cry, cry and cry again

Fifty-two town criers from England and Wales will vie tomorrow afternoon to become National Champion and/or the Best Dressed Competitor at the 37th National Town Criers' Championship at Warrior Square Gardens in Hastings. Dennis Robinson of Sandbach, last year's winner, will be among them. So too will the oldest competitor, Alfie Howard, who at 76 is still in good voice, and the youngest – James Bobbett, the 30-year-old bellman from Glastonbury. Competitors for the national championship are hidden from view. Each has to read his or her (there are two lady competitors) 45 word announcement. The judges, the mayor and her consort and the leader of the town council, will be listening for a loud, ringing voice which enables every word to be clearly heard. Christine Portch, a director of the Bexhill Costume Museum, and a colleague have the uneaviable task of selecting the best-dressed crier. Not all competitors will have been clothed by "official" costumiers since a full rig-out can cost up to £1,500. Some outfits will have been made at home. In the end, what the judges are looking for is "the correct presentation of the period represented – and neatness". From 2.30pm. Information on 0424 722022. *Judy Froshaug*

CONCERTS

☆ **CIRCA 1500:** Pickett's Pageant, which covers eight centuries of early music, is still going strongly, and the Circa 1500 ensemble sings and plays Italian music of the early 16th century. Nancy Hadden conducts.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 6pm, £3.

☆ **BUSONI MARATHON:** An interesting account of Busoni's 80-minute Piano Concerto should result from Peter Donohoe taking the solo part and Mark Elder conducting the BBC SO and, in the finale, the BBC Singers male voices.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-379 4444), 7.30pm, £3-£10.

☆ **MUSIC OF THE MASSES:** The New London Chamber Choir makes its bid in Pickett's Pageant with samples from 200 years of English mass composition. Tye and Frye, Tallis and Taverner, Byrd and Sheppard are among the many composers represented.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 8pm, £3-£9.

JAZZ

☆ **TOMMY CHASE:** Britain's version of Art Blakey, with hard bop aimed squarely at the dance floor.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933). Doors open 9pm, £5.

☆ **ARTURO SANDOVAL:** The Cuban trumpeter is still in superb form, though last week's opening set relied on a stronger Latin and dance beat than usual. Support is from the young saxophonist Nigel Hitchcock.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £6).

☆ **COMPANY WEEK:** Derek Bailey's avant-garde season tonight includes a duet from the Dutch saxophonist Luc Houtkamp with bassist Jan den Boer.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647) 7.30pm, £5.50.

DANCE

☆ **GALLERY:** Graeme Murphy's latest creation for the Australian Ballet; also his *Beyond Twelve* and with the Sydney Dance Company, his *Shining*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066) 7.30-10pm £1-£30.

☆ **PRINCE IGOR:** Fokine Polovtsian dances revived for Dance Theatre of Harlem, with *Firebird* and *Billy the Kid*.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161) 7.30-10pm £6.50-£25.

☆ **LA BAYADERE:** Petipa's famous classic showpiece for the Kirov Ballet with *Aurora's Wedding* and several modern numbers by Béjart and others.
Business Design Centre, Upper Street, London N1 (01-836 1226) 7.30-10pm £7.50-£35.

OPERA

★ **LA TRAVIATA:** Healthy revival of Peter Hall's production, now with Fiorella Pediconi and Walter MacNeil. Sian Edwards conducts.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, Sussex (0273 541111), 5.50-9.50pm, £25-£60.

☆ **TORQUATO TASSO:** Donizetti's rarely performed opera on the life of the Renaissance poet who formed the focus of this year's festival. Russell Smythe takes the title role.
Opera House, Buxton, Derbyshire (0298 72190), 7.45-10.30pm, £6.50-£21.

☆ **HELP, HELP THE GLOBOLINKS!:** Menotti's opera for children about an ambush by creatures from outer space. The Buxton Festival Children's Chorus and Orchestra will be led by soprano Eileen Hulse, in a co-production with the City of Birmingham Touring Opera.
Opera House, Buxton, Derbyshire (0298 72190), 2.30-4.30pm, £2-£4.50.

ROCK

☆ **PINK FLOYD:** Now close to the end of the longest and most successful world tour in the band's 23-year history. An awesome show featuring some impressive grand-scale stunts and a lighting rig from another planet.
Wembley Stadium, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-903 8444). Gates open 6pm, £16, for two nights.

★ **PRINCE:** A brilliant, high rolling spectacle in the round from the multi-talented showman *extraordinaire*.
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133); 7.30pm, £14.50-£16.50, for two nights.

☆ **MARTIN STEPHENSON & THE DAINTEES:** Geordie pop songsmiths mark the release of a new single, "Wholly Humble Heart".
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916); 7.30pm, £5.50-£6.50.

☆ **ABDEL AZIZ EL MUBARAK:** Sudanese pop star who moulds a combination of African, Arabic and Western instruments and influences into an eminently danceable whole.
Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, London E8 (01-985 2424); 7.30pm, £5.50-£6.50, for two nights.

☆ **SVINURAI:** Young, six-piece, "rural-style" Zimbabwean band keeping busy between appearances at WOMAD and the Edinburgh Festival.
Theatr Gwynedd, Deiniol Road, Gwynedd, Bangor (0248 351708); 8pm, £4, also tomorrow.

WALKS

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.50.

HISTORIC WESTMINSTER: Meet Westminster tube, 2pm, £2.50.

AN HISTORIC PUB WALK: Meet St Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

TALKS

MONDRIAN – TOWARDS A PURE ABSTRACTION: Gallery lecture by James Malpass.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), 1pm, free.

ALL THE KING'S WOMEN: Elizabeth Drey talks on Charles II's beauties.
National Portrait Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2, 1.10pm, free.

GALLERIES

DAVID WALKER BARKER: Paintings and drawings based on the confrontation between urban and rural landscape.
Coach House Contemporary Art, 9 Main St, Kirkby Lonsdale (05242 71142), Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm, free, until Aug 27.

BRITISH FIGURE SCULPTURE: An important survey of work by 13 contemporary artists including Hilary Cartmel, Lynn Chadwick and Lee Grandjean.
Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Market Square, Preston (0772 58248), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Aug 28.

KEN CURRIE: New paintings by a major young Glaswegian realist.
Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow (041 332 7521), Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until Aug 28.

CAREL WEIGHT: An 80th birthday show of paintings about strange suburban goings-on.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-439 7438). Daily 10am-5pm for RA Friends, 5-6pm for the public, free, until Aug 26.

Kate O'Mara (above) plays Queen Elizabeth I in the Great Armada Pageant which takes place along the River Thames and at Thurrock, Essex, tomorrow and Sunday. With more than 1,000 participants in Tudor dress, the event commemorates the Queen's visit to Tilbury in 1588 to inspect the army being assembled by the Earl of Leicester against the threat of Spanish invasion. Information: Armada 88, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Thurrock, Essex (0375 390000).

GARDENS

CUMBRIA: Rusland Hall, Rusland, nr Newby Bridge. Garden laid out by Capability Brown; fine trees, shrubs, pond and peacocks. Admission 80p, children under 12 free. Until Oct 30, Fri, Sat, Sun; 11am-5pm; and Bank Holidays.

DORSET: Cammings Court, Pulham, on B3143, turn E at crossroads, 13m N of Dorchester. Two acres, many interesting shrubs and herbaceous plants. Admission 60p, child 10p, this Sun and Sept 11, 2-6pm.

DYFED: Botany Garden, Penglais Road, Aberystwyth. From A44 turn on to A487, one mile from Aberystwyth; large collections of herbaceous plants, shrubs, trees and greenhouse collection. Admission 50p, child 25p, this Sun, 2-6pm.

NORFOLK: Raveningham Hall, 14m SE of Norwich, three miles to Beccles off B1136. Large garden, rare trees, shrubs and shrub roses; plants for sale. Admission £1, child free, this Sun and Aug 28, Mon Aug 29, 2-5pm.

ROSS, CROMARTY AND SKYE: Broompark, Jamestown, Strathpeffer, between Strathpeffer and Contin. Fine shrubs, perennials, rock garden. Admission £1, child 25p, OAPs 50p; plant stall; this Sat and Oct 1; 2-6pm.

SOMERSET: Stapleton Manor, 1m N of Martock on B3165 Long Sutton road. Two and a half acres, roses, shrubs, herbaceous plants, rockery, pool and bog garden. Admission 75p, child free; this Sun, 11-6pm.

OTHER EVENTS

EXHIBITION OF BUILDING CONSERVATION: Of interest to all concerned with the care of traditional buildings. Visitors will see how and by whom they are maintained, meet specialist suppliers – of paints, bricks, tiles, furnishing, ironwork. Also a number of professional institutions on site including the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, the Chartered Institute of Building – all able to give expert advice. Light refreshments available.
Weald and Downland Museum, Singleton, Chichester, Sussex (024363 348). Today, tomorrow, Sun, 11am to dusk. Adult £2.20, child £1.10.

HARROGATE ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW: Jewellery, armour, works of art, furniture, Japanese ivories and others. All exhibits to pre-1885 datelines. Bar and light refreshments.
The Old Swan, Harrogate, Yorkshire (further info 01-550 5435). Today 1-9pm, tomorrow 11am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm, £1.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

DRY ROT: Booking for John Chapman play with Brian Rix, Elspet Gray, Nick Wilton, and Derek Griffiths. Opens Sept 28.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-436 3678, cc 01-434 1050).

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Booking for *Les Sylphides, Petruska, Theme and Variations Concerto Barocco, The Edge of Silence*, and *Pineapple Poll*. Oct 18-22.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351/440971).

LAST CHANCE

A NEW DAY – A NEW PAINTING: Commissioned works by 365 contemporary British artists to produce a painting representative of their birthday, including work by Sir Hugh Casson, Michael Rothenstein, Maggi Hambling and Patrick Proctor.
Gardner Centre, Sussex University, Palmer, Brighton (0273 685861). Ends today.

FASHION AND SURREALISM: Designers and artists represented include Jean Cocteau, Yves Saint Laurent, Issey Miyake, Dali and Man Ray.
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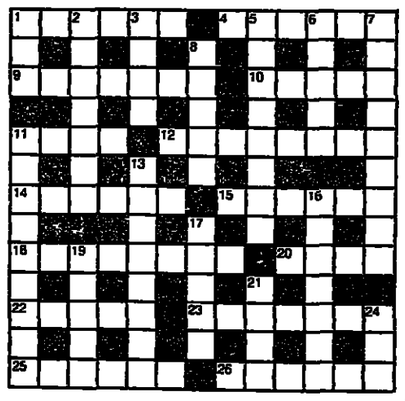

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GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755 cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30 TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD by Harper Lee. Dramatised by Christopher Sergel.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Robert Christensen

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Edgar Kennedy in *Home Canning* (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.28, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27**.
8.35 Buck Rogers (b/w). Episode 10 of the classic 12-part adventure. **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather **9.05 But First This!** presented by Andy Crane begins with **The Pink Panther Show.** Three cartoons (r). **9.25 Hartbeat.** The final programme of the better picture making series presented by Tony Hart (r). (Ceefax) **9.50 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon (r).
10.00 News and weather followed by **Gentle Ben.** Adventures of a boy with a pet bear (r). **10.30 Play School** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven** with pupils from St Anselm's Primary School, Tooting Bec.
11.00 News and weather followed by **Undersea Kingdom** (b/w). Part eight of the classic adventure serial
11.30 Wildlife on One. The Orinoco hog — the world's largest rodent (r). (Ceefax)
12.00 News and weather followed by **The Garden Party** presented by Viv Lumsden and John Nicolson. Archie Macpherson celebrates the centenary of Celtic FC; and reviews summer sport. **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Ramsey Street rallies to Paul's cause but this may cause further problems.
1.50 Cricket: Fifth Test. The afternoon session of the second day's play in the game at the Oval between England and the West Indies introduced by Tony Lewis.
4.10 Paw Paws. Cartoon series **4.30 Steel Riders.** Episode one of a new eight-part action thriller. (Ceefax)
4.45 Newsround 5.05 Think It . . Do It (r). **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus
7.00 Wogan. On tonight's guest list are Wayne Gardner, Alan Beasdale and Emma Samms. Plus music from Robbie Robertson
7.40 No Place Like Home. Domestic comedy series (r). (Ceefax)
8.10 The Flying Doctors. Adventures of Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Andrew Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Playing for Real. Episode two of the six-part story centered around table football *aficionados* and their antagonism towards whom they regard as an upstart young woman player. (Ceefax)
10.20 Omnibus at the Proms. This second *Omnibus* visit to the Proms features the world premiere of Michael Finnissy's orchestral work *Red Earth*, performed by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conduced by Lothar Zagrosek, who also play Skryabin's *The Poem of Ecstasy*. Also on the programme is Debussy's *La Damoiselle élue*, a cantata with words by Dante Gabriel Rosetti, sung by Ann Murray, Elizabeth Laurence and the women's voices of the BBC Singers.
11.40 Film: Frankenstein Must be Destroyed (1969) starring Peter Cushing. Frankenstein is disturbed by an intruder when transplanting the brain of a mad surgeon into another body and is forced to flee. Directed by Terence Fisher.
1.20 Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Science — a Spice of Life. Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax.
10.55 Cricket: Fifth Test. The *morning session of the second* day's play in the game at the Oval between England and the West Indies.
1.05 Weekend Outlook (r). **1.10 Ceefax 1.20 Mop and Smiff** (r).
1.35 Cricket and Golf. Further coverage of the game at the Oval between England and the West Indies; and second round action in the Benson and Hedges International from Fulford Golf Club, York. Includes news and weather at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50.**
6.10 Film: The Falcon in Mexico (1944, b/w) starring Tom Conway and Mona Maris. Smooth Tom Lawrence, in Mexico, comes to the aid of a young lady and discovers a newly painted picture by an artist who was thought to have died 15 years before. Directed by William Berke.
7.15 Gorilla, Gorilla. An award-winning documentary made by Anne Wivel about zoo-housed gorillas (r).
7.30 Ebony. This week's edition focuses on the country's 22,000 black old age pensioners.
8.00 A Fair Cop? The work of the *Complaints Investigation Bureau* of the Metropolitan Police (r). (see Variations for other regions' programmes).
8.30 Gardeners' World from Rosemary Verey's Barnsley House Garden in Gloucestershire.
9.00 Alas Smith and Jones. Mel and Griff with another selection of comic sketches (r). (Ceefax)
9.30 The Yellow River. The last programme in the series on the great Chinese river.
9.56 Sing Country includes a song by Crystal Gayle
10.25 Newsnight 11.10 Weather
11.15 Cricket: Fifth Test.
11.45 Film: Chiara and Me and Him (1983) starring Francesco Nuti and Giuliana de Sio. Comedy about an impoverished billards player who bites off more than he can chew after beating the local champion. Directed by Mario Ponzi. In Italian with English subtitles. Ends at **1.30am**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00** Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys; **8.50** Waceday for the young, with Timmy Mallett.
9.25 Thames news and weather **9.30 Whose Baby?** Nanette Newman, Bob Carolgees and Ross Davidson try to discover which child belongs to a celebrity parent. Presented by Bernie Winters
10.00 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe (r). **10.25 News** headlines **10.30 Bugs Bunny.** Cartoon (r). **10.35 Disney's The Wuzzles** (r). **11.00 Towser** (r). **11.10 Rainbow** (r). **11.25 Thames news** and weather
11.30 Jobwatch Advice for part-time women workers (r). **12.00 Gas Street.** Suzi Quatro's guests are Michael Sombart, Julie T. Wallace and Grant Baynham **12.30 Santa Barbara.**
1.00 News at One with Jon Snow **1.20 Thames news** and weather **1.30 9 to 5.** Comedy series about American office life **2.00 The Bill** (r). (Oracle)
3.00 Take the High Road. Drama series set in the Scottish Highlands **3.25 Thames news** and weather **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial
4.00 Button Moon. Puppet series (r). **4.10 Twelve Summer Days.** Fiona Armstrong with the eighth of her 400 year-old reports on the progress of the Spanish Armada **4.20 Scooby Doo** (r).
4.45 Splashout. Thirteen-year-old Pascale Harter visits a wildlife park where attempts are being made to save animals threatened by disappearing rain forests; and then Kew Gardens to talk to scientists about how to stop the forests' destruction before it is too late.
5.15 Valentine Park. Comedy series set in a municipal park.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong.
6.00 LWT Weekend News 6.15 Police 5 with Shaw Taylor
6.30 Family Affairs. Private family disagreements are aired in public. Tonight a husband tries to persuade his heavily pregnant *wife not to file for divorce* because she should be grateful to have a perfect husband. Refereed by Mike Smith with Philip Hodson.
7.00 Jimmy's. More real life dramas concerning the staff and patients at St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
7.30 Child's Play presented by Michael Aspel. This week Gorden Kaye and Victoria Wood try to decipher what young children are talking about.
8.00 Film: Three Days of the Condor (1975) starring Robert Redford and Faye Dunaway. The television version of the thriller in which Redford plays the sole survivor of a CIA section massacre on the trail of the perpetrators who are also bent on eliminating him. Directed by Sidney Pollack. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Alastair Stewart **10.30 LWT News** and weather
10.35 Athletics. The Kodak/TSB Olympic Trials from the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.
11.35 1st Exposure. Among the entertainers making their television debut are comedians Eddie Izzard, George Browning and Logan Murray. Plus, Global Beat and, sporting gravity-defying hair styles, the Fabulous Singlettes
12.05am Kojak. The New York detective investgates the murder of a professor of psychology (r).
1.00 Night Network includes live music from Big Bam Boo and an interview with horror writer James Herbert.
4.00 Baseball '88. Montreal v Cincinnati.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Woman in View (r).
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series. The guest is comedian Sid Caesar.
2.00 Guitarra! Julian Bream begins an eight-part history of the guitar (r).
2.30 Plenty Chapati, Plenty Chips. A portrait of the Barot family of Leicester, musicians from Kenya (r).
3.30 Patterns of Life: Webs and Other Wonders. A documentary on the world of the spider (r).
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Jenny Haldane, a part-time staff nurse from Edinburgh
5.00 Mister Ed (b/w). Vintage American comedy starring Alan Young as a man with a talking horse.
5.30 Space Craft. The second in the series on making the most out of small living space (r). (Oracle)
6.00 The Chart Show.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Nik Gowing. Followed by weather
7.55 Book Choice. Keith Waterhouse's new novel, *Our Song*, is reviewed by Auberon Waugh
7.55 What the Papers Say with Maureen Paton of the *Daily Express*.
8.15 Right Talk. This second in the series is a discussion on poverty and welfare. Among those taking part are Lawrence Mead and Ralph Dahrendorf
9.00 The Golden Girls. The first of a new series of the comedy about four mature ladies sharing a Miami house. (Oracle)
9.30 All Muck and Magic? Organic food series (r).
10.00 Rude Health. Comedy series about three disparate doctors (r).
10.30 The Incredibly Strange Film Show. (see Choice)
11.30 Wired. Among this week's guests are the Cocteau Twins
12.30am Film: Providence (1977) starring John Gielgud. The story of a dying writer who uses the lives and characters of his children as an inspiration for his last novel. Directed by Alain Resnais. Ends at **2.30.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.35am-6.55 Ceefax 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 11.40 The Royal National Eisteddfod 12.10am Film: Frankenstein Must be Destroyed 1.45-1.50 News and weather **SCOTLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35 Neighbours 6.55-7.00 Inside Ulster Update **ENGLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: 2.00pm News, weather followed by The Royal National Eisteddfod 3.15 Re-joins network 8.00 The Italians 8.30-9.00 Going Dutch **SCOTLAND:** 8.00pm-8.30 Catchword **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 8.00pm-8.30 Poems and Pipes **ENGLAND:** 6.00pm-6.30 East: Return to the Broads; Midlands: Take a Break; North: Twenty Years; North-east: The Allotment Show; North-west: *Country by the Sea*; South: The Test Way; South-west: Nozzers; West: A Summer Journey

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Interrupted Journey* 6.00-7.00 About Anglia 11.38-1.00am Film: Cold Night's Death.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Tiger Bay* 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 11.38 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.38am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.38pm-1.00 Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Burning Rubber 5.15-5.45 Child's Play 6.00 News 6.30-7.00 Everyone a Winner 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 11.35 Film: Mistral's Daughter 1.30am Kojak 2.30-5.00 C.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 All Our Yesterdays 1.20 News 12.30pm-1.00 All Our Yesterdays 1.20 News 1.30 Teach Children to Cook 2.00 Falcon Crest 3.00 Chain Letters 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Take Time Out 11.38-1.08am Film: Witchfinder General 4.05 Lifestyles 4.30-5.00 Take Time Out.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: World of Suzie Wong 5.15-5.45 Give Us a Clue 6.00 North Tonight 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 11.38 The Fugitive 12.30am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 Week in View 2.00 Afternoon Theatre 3.30-3.00 Out of Limits 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Give Us a Clue 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Child's Play 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 11.35 Legwork 12.30am Film: SOB 2.50 UK Top 10 3.20 America's Top 10 3.50 Europe's Top 10 4.20 WKRP in Cincinnati 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Carry On Again Doctor 5.00 News 5.30-7.00 Problems 10.35 Your Say 10.50 Kojak 11.50 Athletics 12.50am Crazy About the Movies 1.20 Twilight Zone 2.20 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.35 Elinor — Live 11.35 Kojak 12.35am Athletics 1.35-2.30 Twilight Zone.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: The Bishop's Wife* 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am Film: SOB 2.50 UK Top 10 3.20 Prizewinners 3.50 Europe's Top 10 4.20 WKRP in Cincinnati 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.00 Film: The Big Trees 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 That's My Dog 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 11.35 Film: Crises in Mid-Air 1.20am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 All Our Yesterdays 1.20 News 1.30 Teach Your Children to Cook 2.00 Falcon Crest 3.00 Chain Letters 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Take Time Out 11.38-1.00am Film: Witchfinder General 4.05 Lifestyles 4.30-5.00 Take Time Out.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.00 Film: End of the River* 5.15-5.45 Child's Play 6.00-7.00 Northern Life 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 11.35 Rampage 1.20am Inner Space 1.30-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Charlie's Angels 2.30-3.00 Nothing but the Best 5.15-5.45 Child's Play 6.00 Summer Edition 6.15 Summer Sport 6.30-7.00 Survival 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 11.35 Witness 11.40 Dublin Horse Show 12.10am Magnum 1.05 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30 Film: Account Rendered* 2.45-3.00 Magic Magic 5.15-5.45 Give Us a Clue 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 We'll Fight Them on the Beaches 7.30-8.00 Valentine Park 11.35 City Centre *Cycling* 12.20am *Out of Limits* 12.30 Film: House of the Yellow Carpet 2.00 Kojak 3.00 Music Box 4.00-5.00 Meltdown.

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RTE 1 Starts: 1.45pm Bosco 2.15 Dublin Horse Show 5.45 News 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Newsime 6.30 Cartoon 6.40 Hillary's Adventurers 7.05 Sea Hunt 7.30 Room Outside 8.00 Matlock 9.00 News 9.20 Dublin Village 10.05 Nutcracker: Money, Madness and Murder 11.50 News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: 5.20pm Sons and Daughters 5.50 Get Smart 6.15 Film: Sourdough 8.00 Naucht 8.05 Keating on Impressionism 8.35 We Love Lucy* 10.25 Dublin Horse Show 11.15 Portraits 12.10am Nightlight, Closedown.

Charting odd Waters

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Revelling in the title "the Pope of Trash", John Waters is the ideal subject to launch **The Incredibly Strange Film Show** (Channel 4, 10.30pm), a six-part series in which Jonathan Ross profiles American film directors who have made their reputation outside the commercial system. Waters emerged in the 1960s and early 1970s with a series of low-budget features notable for their fat, screeching women (who, in the case of his *regular star, Divine, was a fat* screeching man in drag) and appalling taste. They were not the sort of movies likely to turn up at the local Odeon. Even now they would hardly be considered suitable for general release. But they found *their audience and made Waters* into a cult figure. Ross describes the Waters *oeuvre* as "some of the most shocking, offensive and hilarious films to come out of America". Others would stop short at shocking and offensive. Waters says his principle was to find out what liberals held dear and make fun of it. His reason for tackling rape, drugs and cannibalism was to make them look ridiculous. Though he has deliberately worked outside Hollywood, shooting his films in his native Baltimore, Waters acknowledges Hollywood influences, among them *The Wizard of Oz*, *Baby Doll* and Jayne Mansfield, to whom his huge women are a grotesque tribute. Like many iconoclasts, Waters has mellowed with age. His latest film, *Hairspray* (which opened in Britain last month), is an affectionate parody of early Sixties youth culture with a PG rating to signal suitability for the family audience. Waters denies that his ideas have changed. The challenge, he says, is to sneak them into a mainstream film.

Peter Waymark

Trashy topic: Jonathan Ross (left) and the cult American film-maker John Waters compare brands (C4, 10.30pm)

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **11.00** The Radio 1 Roadshow **12.30** Newsbeat (Sybil Ruscoe) **12.45** Roger Scott **3.00** Steve wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young's Dance Music Show **10.00-12.00** The Friday Rock Show **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave)
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**)
4.00 Bill Rennells **5.30** Roger Royle **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Claire Rayner **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Teddy Johnson's 78 Show **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Helen Crayford **9.00** Nigel Ogden **10.00** The Golden Years **10.30** 'Ow Do, Ow Are You? **11.00** Mike Hurley **1.00** Ellis Hill presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** World News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Write On . . . **7.45** Seven Seas **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Without Strings **8.30** Music Now **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** The Third *Policeman* **10.00** *News Summary* **10.01** Guitar Workshop **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Sportsworld **11.30** Meridian **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Europe's World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Folk in Britain **1.45** Sportsworld **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Idea of Europe **4.00** World News **4.09** News About Britain **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook **7.29** Stock Market Report **7.45** Personal View **8.00** World News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Europe's World **9.30** Business Matters **9.45** Where Angels Fear to Tread **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Guitar Workshop **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Not So Long Ago **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News and Twenty-Four Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Rossini (Overture: Semiramide: Philharmonia under Carlo Maria Giulini), Mozart (Rondo in D: Mitsuko Uchida, piano), Beethoven (Romance No 1 in G: New Philharmonia under Edo de Waart with Arthur Grumiaux, violin), Haydn (Piano Trio in E flat: Beaux Arts Trio), Poulenc (Les Biches: Paris Conservatoire Orchestra under George Prêtre), J. Strauss (son), arr Schoenberg (Emperor Waltz: Boston Symphony Chamber)
8.30 *News*
8.35 Composers of the Week: Schumann (Martha Argerich, piano, plays Kinderszenen, Op 15, and Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra under Bernard Haitink plays Symphony No *1 in B flat (Spring)*)
9.35 Langham Chamber Orchestra under Frank Shipway plays Holst (Brook Green Suite) and Stravinsky (Apollon musagète) (r)
10.20 Songs of Wartime France: Patricia Wright (soprano), with Roger Vignoles (piano), sings Poulenc (Deux poèmes de Louis Aragon; Calligrammes) and Auric (Quatre chants de la France malheureuse)
10.55 MW Test Match Special: Second day's play of the fifth Cornhill Test between England and the West Indies at the Oval incl **1.05** News **1.10** Call the Commentators **1.30-1.40** *County Scoreboard* **3.45-4.00** At the Bookstall. Ends about 6.30
10.55 Classical Busoni: Berlin SO under C. A. Bunte, with Walter Triebskorn (clarinet), plays Concertino; and Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur, with Aurèle Nicolet (flute), plays Divertimento
11.15 Dennis Lee (piano) plays Rachmaninov (Preludes, Op 32: No 5 in G; No 10 in B minor), Scriabin (Sonata No 4 in F sharp), Debussy (Pagodes; Reflets dans l'eau) and Szymanowski (Masques) (r)
12.05 Ulster Orchestra under Janos Fürst, with *Bernadette Greevy (piano)*, plays Chausson (Poème de l'amour et de la mer) and Kodaly (Variations on a Hungarian Folk Song, The Peacock)
1.00 News
1.05 Mozart and Shostakovich: Mark Lubotsky (violin) and Boris Berman (piano) play Mozart (Sonata in F) and Shostakovich (Sonata, Op 134) (r)
2.00 French Flute and Piano Music: James Dower and John Lenehan play Damase (Sonate en concert, Op 17), Pierne (Sonata, Op 36) and Paul Génin (Air napolitain, Op 8) (r)
2.45 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Jan Krenz plays Hindemith (Suite: Nobilissima visione) and Prokofiev (Symphony No 2 in D minor)
3.45 English Church Music: Choir of New College, Oxford, sings anthems and voluntaries which probably formed part of the repertory in the chapel during the 18th Century. Music by Green, Boyce, Stanley, Walond and Hayes
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Jeremy *Siepmann*
6.30 Herbie Hancock: These pieces show the wide range of Hancock's music, including part of Kanatente, with Foday Musa Suso playing a kora, The Eye of the Hurricane, with Wynton Marsalis (trumpet), part of the soundtrack of *Round Midnight*, and Hancock playing solo piano (final)
7.00 News
7.05 The Sicilian Expedition: The Treachery of Alcibiades, with Edward de Souza as Thucydides. The Athenians land at Syracuse and are victorious, but then retire to Catana for the winter. Alcibiades, having eluded *his captors, defects to* Sparta, the enemy of Athens, and offers his services. (4) (r)
7.30 Proms 88: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Mark Elder, with Peter Donohoe (piano) and BBC Singers (men), plays Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat) **8.05** Busoni's Piano Concerto: Justin Connolly considers this five-movement work and discusses its technical challenges with Donohoe **8.25** Busoni (Piano Concerto). Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London
9.55 Satellites Are Out Tonight by Antoine Ó Flatharta with Eamon Kelly and Joe Savino
11.00 Composers of the Week: Frank Bridge: Overture: Rebus (1940), String Quartet No 4 (1938), Allegro moderato (Symphony for strings) (1941), and Poem No 2: The Story of My Heart (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today (s) **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** *Business News* **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.42** Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll (5 of 7) **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News **9.05** Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is Joan Turner (s)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments about BBC programmes and policy
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: The Mem-Sahib, written and read by John Morrow
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Latin Americans: Eight portraits. General Gary Prado, who helped capture Che Guevara (2 of 8) (s)
11.32 Only Skin Deep: An Acceptable Face. Barbara Myers examines new controls being put on cosmetic companies as doctors and government departments become concerned about the potential dangers of skin creams which claim to halt ageing and looks at how they will affect their claims in the future
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25 Radio Fun: The story of radio comedy in 12 parts presented by Russell Davies (2) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Dr Raine Roberts of the sexual assault referral centre at St Mary's Hospital in *Manchester discusses the* centre's pioneering work in the treatment of rape victims. "Sunny" Lowry, a Channel swimmer in the Thirties, discusses the hazards of the sport and exchanges experiences with one of today's swimmers, Joan Metcalfe. An interview with Val Bloom, a Caribbean performance poet
3.00 News; The Princess Casamassima: New series by Harry James, dramatized in five parts by Betty Davies with Mark Ashton and Imelda Staunton (s)
4.00 News
4.05-4.30 Inside Job: Six programmes offering a view of working life in *Lancashire. Phil Smith* listens to the experiences of cleaners
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Nigel Andrews visits the International Festival of Circus, John Hegley tries the modern chair and Paul Patterson hears the Three Choirs sing *Te Deum* (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Freewheeling: Susan Marling with a weekly guide to what's going on, where and when
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents a selection of the past week's television and radio programmes (s)
8.20 Towards 2000 with the Radio 4 Generation (new series): The future of the Seven Deadly Sins: John Humphrys chairs a series of discussions in which young people from all over the UK explore aspects of the kind of society they expect towards the year 2000. 1: Sloth (See Choice)
9.05 Stop Press (news series): Geoffrey Goodman reviews the week's newspapers
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen leads a discussion on the challenges and pressures of working in soap operas, with Sue Johnston of *Brookside*, Norman Painting of *The Archers*, Wendy Richards of *EastEnders* and Tony Adams of *Crossroads*. They reveal what it is like to have a career dominated by one role
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Bible in Spain by George Borrow (final part) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate and Sally Grace (s)
12.00 *News* **12.20** *Weather* **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued).

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:** 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.

RADIO CHOICE

John Humphrys and gang discuss sin (R4, 8.20pm)

● The venial sin of occasionally straying from the point is nothing compared to the deadly sin of sloth which youngsters from Liverpool and Manchester — a quarter of them jobless — chew over with John Humphrys in **Towards 2000 with the Radio 4 Generation** (Radio 4, 8.20pm). Few have sympathy with the youth who stays in bed until noon, getting up in time to watch *Neighbours*, but I thought I caught a murmur of approval for the lad who thinks everyone has a right to be lazy at some time or other, and for the young fellow who believes that you don't have to work to have self-respect. There is a noticeable lack of acclamation for the girl who is proud of working seven days a week. Predictable though many of the arguments are — "it wasn't us who created this grim, no-hope society" — novel ideas are thrown up, too, such as paying social service cash to the young poet who sees his verse as community service. Next week's deadly sin: pride.

● Also recommended: **Radio Fun** (Radio 4, 12.25pm) with its brief reminders of the solid-gold talent of Robb Wilton; and Antoine Ó Flatharta's play **Satellites Are Out Tonight** (Radio 3, 9.55pm), which makes some cosmic points about taking snaps.

Peter Davalle

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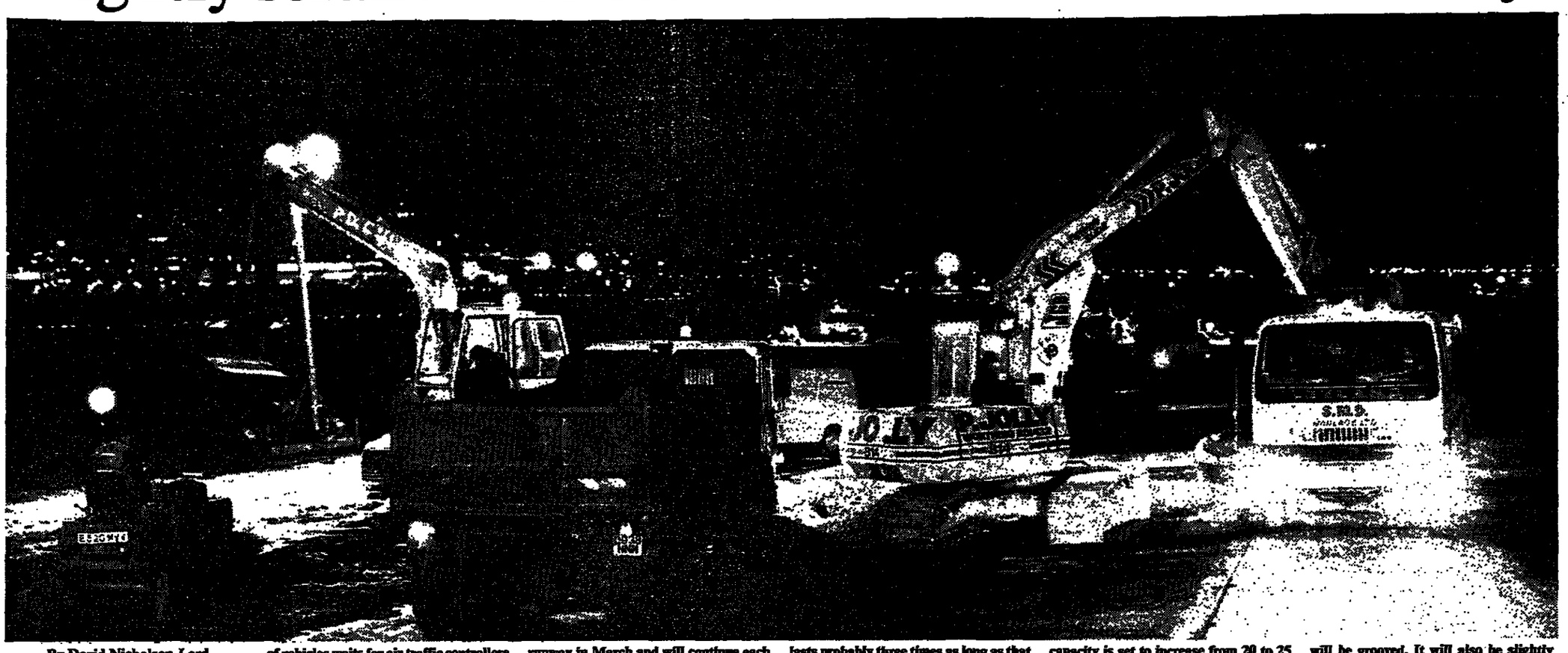

By David Nicholson-Lord

Under the glare of arc lights and with the terminal buildings glimmering in the distance, a construction team moves slowly towards its target of covering every inch of Gatwick airport's 10,164 feet of runway with a new coat of tarmac.

Each night this summer at 10.30pm a painstaking ritual takes place at the world's second busiest airport. A convoy of vehicles waits for air traffic controllers to create a five-minute "hole" in the airways.

Then, at a signal from the operations staff, the lights of the main runway are switched off and those of the emergency runway, which will be used by aircraft until dawn, flicker on. Only then can the convoy move forward for action.

Work started on resurfacing the main runway in March and will continue each night, between 10.30pm and 6am, until October. It is costing £5.8 million and is the first large renovation in 15 years.

For critics who ask why it is being carried out over the busy holiday period, the airport authorities have a ready answer: the M25, where the bits that are crumbling are those that were laid in the winter. Surfacing done in the summer lasts probably three times as long as that carried out in the cold.

The job involves not only a new surface but also improved lighting and a reduction in the angle of turn-offs, so that aircraft can taxi from the main runway more quickly, leaving it free for the next flight. The runway is already the world's busiest, and the opening this year of the North Terminal means that Gatwick's capacity is set to increase from 20 to 25 million passengers a year.

The airport denies, however, that its runway was crumbling. The main worry was a loss of friction, and hence braking ability, caused by thousands of jets leaving a tiny portion of their tyre rubber in the pores of the tarmac each time they landed.

To increase friction the new surface will be grooved. It will also be slightly raised in the centre to improve drainage.

Since ARC Construction started work, the airport says schedules have been disrupted fewer than a dozen times, typically for only 15 minutes when part of the temporary ramp left each night has worked loose. The smallest piece of debris can cause havoc with jet engines.

(Photograph: Graham Wood)

Prison talks on 'overcrowding'

Holloway dispute may end today

By Peter Evans and Andrew Morgan

Officers at Holloway women's prison in North London last night said they had agreed in principle to a new return-to-work formula put to them by a Prison Department "go-between" after protracted talks.

Miss Angela Burgess, the branch chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, said if the management agreed to the proposals, the dispute, which began to escalate last Friday night, could end today.

The prison management was last night considering the proposals and Mr Derek Briscoe, the department official, was invited to return to the prison this morning.

The branch committee first put its proposals to Mr Briscoe yesterday morning before he met management. He later returned with his own proposals and Miss Burgess said she was "impressed" at the speed of the new formula.

She added: "It could all come to end on Friday if management accept the proposals. The staff are anxious to return to work but this will not happen until the negotiations have reached a satisfactory conclusion."

POA members at Holloway, Britain's biggest women's prison, are at the centre of an increasingly serious dispute. They have effectively gone on strike by withdrawing to a "safe area" outside the prison gates. As industrial action by officers at other London prisons in support of them struck home, police, who could have been on street patrols, had to handle a rising tide of prisoners.

The inquiry into the June prison riot at Haverigg in Cumbria is expected to confirm widespread use of drugs among inmates, Mr Jack Cunningham, Labour MP for Copeland, said yesterday. "For all I know it may still be going on," he added. The riot caused damage estimated at £1 million. Trouble flared again on Monday when about 50 prisoners caused damage estimated at £2,000.

An increase of nearly 100 inmates in police and courtcells in England and Wales was reported by the Home Office in the week officers began barring prisoners in order to cut numbers held in key London jails.

The officers began their action on Wednesday. That night numbers in police cells reached 810, compared with 713 the previous Friday. The total of women held rose in that time from 45 to 68.

Metropolitan Police figures on prisons in and around London show that numbers held in police and court cells are rising by 30 or 40 a day.

On Wednesday night there were 665 – 240 in the Metropolitan Police area and 425 elsewhere. Last night the Metropolitan Police expected the total to reach 700.

A spokesman said: "That means we need to find more spaces and more staff and transport to ferry prisoners round the country. This is a major operation and drain on the force's resources."

Prison officers in the London area are reducing the population to what jails are officially supposed to hold. – the certified normal accommodation (CNA).

During a flare-up with the POA last March the number of inmates in police cells reached a critical 1,500 and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, was forced to open two former Army camps to take the overflow.

Brixton Prison is now playing a crucial role in the demand on police and court cell space. The jail is accepting sentenced prisoners from the Crown Court and people remanded in custody for a medical, but not normal remands, because sentenced prisoners cannot be transferred to Wandsworth as a result of the industrial action.

Over the last six months, Brixton has on average taken 80 new unconvicted remand and trial prisoners each day.

The 207 members of the POA at Norwich prison will meet today to discuss industrial action over manning levels, which officers voted for in a ballot announced on Wednesday. It is likely they will decide not accept further court prisoners from Monday.

The chairman of the Board at Holloway, Mrs Sue Richley, said yesterday she was "very concerned" because there were no escorts and prisoners were not available to go to court.

If they should not get a prison sentence, or receive a sentence shorter than the period they had already been in prison, they would be on remand in Holloway longer than necessary.

A poem for 88th birthday

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minutes gathering armfuls of flowers from children who had been allowed through the police barriers, and still had time to listen to Mr Colin Edwards, a local government officer from Macclesfield, Cheshire, who insisted on reading her a birthday poem of his own composition. "How kind of you, thank you so very much", smiled the great-grandmother who is too wise to give offence to anyone.

For her birthday appearance the Queen Mother chose a pastel blue-and-white coat and dress with a pastel-blue hat, reinforcing her image of a soft-focus lampshade which has been her hallmark for decades, and which accords perfectly with the public perception of a much-loved great-grandmother.

Queen Elizabeth was married to the Duke of York, who became King George VI, for 29 years; she has now been a widow for 36 years, but shows little sign of abandoning her public life.

Three weeks ago she charmed the East End by making an unscheduled stop at a pub during a tour of new housing developments.

Row on security intensifies

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views later, Mr Green said that, at one stage, the Prime Minister's husband, Mr Denis Thatcher, had nearly been escorted away from the fracas as he tried to force his way through to Mrs Thatcher.

The Melbourne police chief said that Mr Thatcher had been wearing no identification, and that there was hardly a policeman in Victoria who knew what he looked like.

In Sydney yesterday, Mrs Thatcher visited a submarine warfare training station and took a trip across the harbour past the famous opera house.

An egg was thrown unsuccessfully, and three demonstrators were arrested as a small crowd, with placards bearing such messages as "the only good Tory is a suppository", shouted pro-IRA and gay rights slogans when she visited the Powerhouse Museum. But the protesters were well contained behind barricades and there was never any threat to her safety.

Mrs Thatcher clashed repeatedly last night with an Australian television interviewer when questioned about her attitude to economic sanctions against South Africa.

She was also asked, amid the ill-tempered exchanges, if Britain's inflation rate and current account trade deficit were not a poor advertisement for her proclaimed economic miracle.

The Prime Minister replied: "The rate in Britain is 4.6 per cent – a great deal lower than than in Australia, though not as low as I would wish. I would be very surprised indeed if it got up to about 7 per cent."

Sources close to the Treasury have been warning of the possibility of British inflation rising to close to 6 per cent. This is Mrs Thatcher's most specific comment yet on the question, though it was clearly made in the context of an Australian inflation rate of 7 per cent.

Red Square pilot back in 'custody'

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from Moscow to Frankfurt, have done a good job in keeping him away from other reporters.

Although Herr Rust gave brief interviews to Tass in Moscow and Western correspondents on his flight home, he would say nothing to a crowd of press, radio and television reporters waiting at Frankfurt airport. A mini-bus whisked him away to a secret rendezvous with his parents.

But a Hamburg-based television crew tracked down the Rust family. After some hard bargaining they were allowed a three-minute interview with Herr Rust, who gave carefully stilted answers to dull questions that appeared to have been agreed with *Stern* in advance.

Herr Michael Jürgs, one of three chief editors of Stern, denied that they were indulging in superlative chequebook journalism. "Why should the big names always be the ones to cash in?" he said. "The little people should also have a chance to come into some real money." He would not say how "real" was the Rust family's payment.

Stern has done a non-cash deal with the American NBC television network, which paid an un-named British amateur cameraman a reported $10,000 for his now famous footage of Herr Rust landing in Red Square. In return for *Stern* allowing an NBC crew into the Rust family home at Wedel, near Hamburg, the network is letting the magazine use stills from the film.

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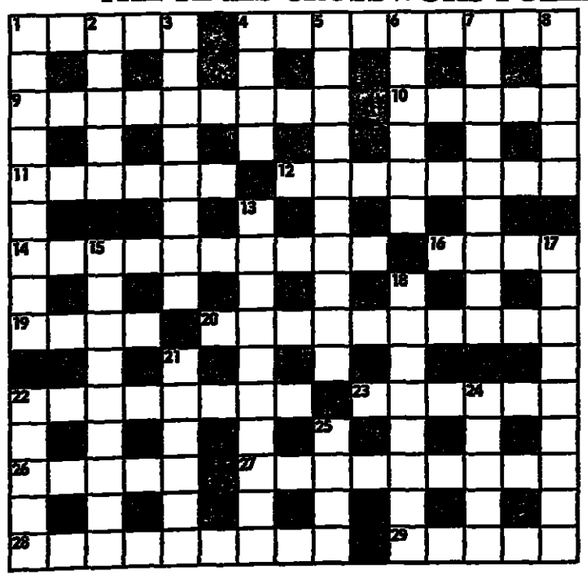

ACROSS

1 Copy published in Paris (5).
4 Named and registered captive bird (9).
9 Racecourse opening for business (9).
10 Replace someone's partner to join game of cards (3,2).
11 Defeat for party (6).
12 A peak in school comeback – Latin mark especially (4,4).
14 He requires loud member of cast as villain (10).
16 New Jersey? (4).
19 A hard thing to catch (4).
20 Pity? Love is altogether different, surely (10).
22 New York's so-called eminent pupil (3,5).
23 Sounds like it's engraved without embellishment (6).
26 Kid might make one for digital input (5).
27 How is that cry intended to help condemned man? (9).
28 Teacher's assistant organized minor sets (9).
29 Run respectable in theatrical terms (5).

DOWN

1 Note pieces required for American militia (9).
2 Wrote off loom (5).
3 Forestalls wishes of Queen of Hearts (5,3).
4 Divine female in London I keep concealed (4).
5 Permit Oslo or Rome to slip badly as city (10).
6 Part of bottle, say, with salt or sweet drink (6).
7 Right servant to start work (5-4).
8 Studies English with little intelligence (5).
13 Train officer, one in the same class (10).
15 Not opposing increase of honest reporting (5,4).
17 Boxer combining cunning and power (9).
18 Skied round object to get this drink? (8).
21 Optimistic high point followed by defeat (6).
22 Swearing through mouthpiece (2,3).
24 A fair thing you lose on (5).
25 Make short work of this by dismissing us (4).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

QUOTE JOKES
By Philip Howard

SPADE WITH WHICH
a. James Baldwin
b. Chaucer
c. Wordsworth

FLACCID CORPSE
a. Ted Hughes
b. Shakespeare
c. Alfred Austin

THE FEEBLE WORM
a. Bunyan
b. The Wesleyan hymnal
c. Tolkien

THEN THE MAIDEN AUNT
a. Tennyson
b. Lewis Carroll
c. Byron

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,739

WEATHER

A ridge of high pressure will bring improved conditions to central, southern and eastern areas. Most places will start dull and cloudy with some drizzle and steadier rain in the north and west. Most of England and south-east Scotland will become dry with sunny spells. Wales and north-west England will stay cloudy with drizzle on coasts and hills. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will be cloudy with occasional rain. Outlook: mostly dry and warm with some sunny spells.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	f	Luxor	40	104	s
Akrotiri	32	90	s	Madrid	25	77	s
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Majorca	28	82	f
Algiers	31	88	s	Malaga	30	86	s
Amst'dm	18	64	c	Malta	32	90	s
Athens	36	97	s	Melb'rne	13	55	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Miami*	33	91	s
Barcelona	26	79	s	Milan	19	66	r
Belgrade	26	79	s	Montreal*	31	88	f
Berlin	19	66	f	Moscow	20	68	c
Bermuda*	31	88	f	Munich	11	52	c
Biarritz	23	73	f	Nairobi	25	77	f
Borde'x	23	73	s	Naples	31	88	f
Brussels	20	68	f	N Delhi	32	90	f
Budapest	15	59	r	N York*	33	91	s
B Aires*	14	57	s	Nice	27	81	f
Cairo	35	95	s	Oslo	15	59	r
C'blanca	26	79	s	Paris	21	70	s
Chicago*	34	93	s	Peking	24	75	f
Ch'church	9	48	c	Perth	16	61	s
Cologne	20	68	f	Prague	18	64	f
C'phagn	17	63	c	Reykjvik	10	50	r
Corfu	33	91	s	Rhodes	31	88	s
Dublin	17	63	c	Rio de J	19	66	c
Dubrovnik	33	91	c	Riyadh	43	109	s
Faro	27	81	s	Rome	27	81	f
Florence	29	84	f	Salzburg	12	54	r
Frankfurt	21	70	f	S F'risco*	21	70	c
Funchal	21	70	c	Santiago*	15	59	s
Geneva	17	63	c	S Paulo*	20	68	f
Gibraltar	28	82	s	Seoul	33	91	s
Helsinki	17	63	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Hong K	26	79	r	St'kholm	20	68	c
Innsbrck	14	57	r	Strasb'rg	21	70	s
Istanbul	32	90	s	Sydney	20	68	s

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.8	.01	18	64	bright
Bridlington	4.8	-	19	66	bright
Hunstanton	6.8	-	18	64	sunny
Lowestoft	7.5	-	20	68	sunny
Clacton	8.5	-	19	66	sunny
Southend	*	.04	21	70	sunny
Margate	11.4	-	20	68	sunny
Folkestone	11.5	-	19	66	sunny
Hastings	9.3	-	20	68	sunny
Eastbourne	10.7	-	21	70	sunny
Brighton	9.7	-	20	68	sunny
Worthing	10.0	.02	21	70	sunny
Littlehmptn	8.9	.16	21	70	sunny
Bognor R	*	.07	21	70	sunny
Southsea	10.8	-	21	70	sunny
Sandown	11.7	.05	21	70	sunny
Bournemth	9.7	-	22	72	sunny
Swanage	10.0	-	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	10.4	-	19	66	sunny
Exmouth	11.0	-	20	68	sunny
Torquay	9.4	-	21	70	sunny
Penzance	13.5	-	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	13.7	-	19	66	sunny
Newquay	14.4	-	19	66	sunny
Mumbsd	13.1	-	19	66	sunny
Morecambe	3.8	-	16	61	cloudy
Douglas	1.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Buxton	3.7	-	14	57	bright
Carlisle	2.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Leeds	2.0	-	17	63	cloudy
Nottingham	5.8	-	18	64	bright
Anglesey	5.3	-	17	63	bright
Colwyn Bay	4.9	-	17	63	cloudy
Tenby	9.2	-	18	64	sunny
Aberdeen	2.7	.04	20	68	bright

* Denotes figures not available
These are Wednesday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.57	6.4	8.04	6.6
Aberdeen	7.28	3.9	8.18	3.4
Avonmouth	12.57	11.8	1.15	11.2
Belfast	5.12	3.4	5.45	3.1
Cardiff	12.42	11.0	1.00	10.5
Devonport	—	—	12.06	4.7
Dover	5.06	5.9	5.29	6.0
Falmouth	11.36	4.5	11.58	4.5
Glasgow	6.29	4.6	6.51	4.2
Harwich	5.52	3.6	6.04	3.7
Holyhead	4.17	5.1	4.57	4.6
Hull	12.09	6.5	12.19	6.8
Ilfracombe	—	—	12.02	7.7
Leith	6.50	5.1	9.31	4.8
Liverpool	5.07	8.5	5.40	7.8
Lowestoft	3.46	2.0	3.37	2.4
Margate	6.05	4.3	6.11	4.5
Milford Haven	—	—	12.22	5.8
Newquay	11.20	5.8	11.55	5.8
Oban	11.28	3.0	—	—
Penzance	11.22	4.7	11.48	4.7
Portland	12.32	1.8	12.47	1.5
Portsmouth	5.28	4.2	6.08	4.3
Shoreham	5.04	5.4	5.35	5.4
Southampton	4.58	4.0	5.37	4.1
Swansea	12.06	8.4	12.29	7.9
Tees	9.53	4.8	10.41	4.4
W'ton-on-Nze	5.48	3.8	6.01	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.10
Austria Sch	23.40	22.20
Belgium Fr	70.35	66.95
Canada $	2.145	2.025
Denmark Kr	12.85	12.05
Finland Mkk	7.90	7.50
France Fr	11.22	10.67
Germany Dm	3.325	3.165
Greece Dr	264	250
Hong Kong $	13.80	13.05
Ireland Pt	1.334	1.174
Italy Lira	2450	2330
Japan Yen	238	226
Netherlands Gld	3.76	3.57
Norway Kr	12.07	11.47
Portugal Esc	268.50	255.50
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	218	207
Sweden Kr	11.45	10.85
Switzerland Fr	2.767	2.637
USA $	1.787	1.697
Yugoslavia Dnr	5125	4325

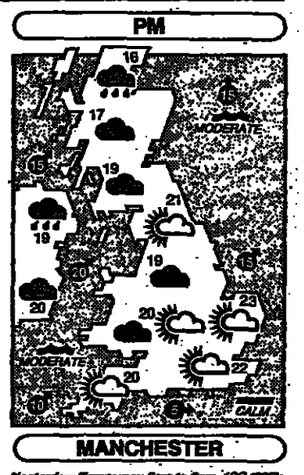
Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 106.6 (June)

London: The *FT* Index closed up 6.5 at 1505.5.

AM

PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 22C (72F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6pm, 65 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1017.7 millibars, falling (1,000 millibars=29.53in).

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.1hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.12 pm to 5.02 am
Bristol 9.21 pm to 5.12 am
Edinburgh 9.42 pm to 4.57 am
Manchester 9.27 pm to 5.03 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 5.28 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, and Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Newquay, Cornwall, 14.4hr.

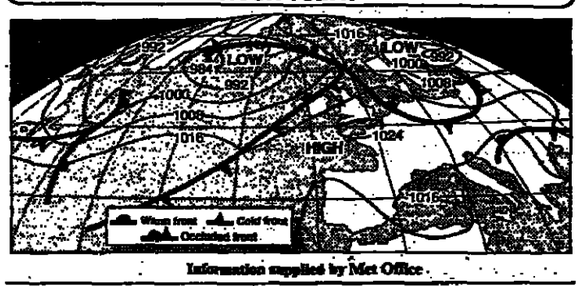
Sun rises: 5.31 am — Sun sets: 8.42 pm
Moon sets: 3.35 pm — Moon rises: 11.21 pm
New Moon August 12

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	c	Guernsey	16	61	f
B'ngham	17	63	c	Inverness	15	59	c
Blackpool	16	61	c	Jersey	17	63	c
Bristol	17	63	f	London	19	66	c
Cardiff	16	61	d	M'chester	17	63	f
Edinburgh	17	63	f	Newcastle	18	64	s
Glasgow	15	59	c	W'ldemere	17	63	f

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1508.5 (+6.5)	US dollar 1.7110 (+0.0005)
FT-SE 100 1869.7 (+4.6)	W German mark 3.2133 (+0.0061)
USM (Datastream) 169.75 (+0.67)	Trade-weighted 76.6 (+0.1)

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Bids open for BR subsidiary

Formal invitations to bid went out yesterday to more than a dozen companies and groups which have expressed an interest in acquiring British Rail Engineering, the British Rail locomotives and carriages manufacturing subsidiary based at Derby.

A management team is also putting together a bid, with the backing of Britain's Trafalgar House, Sweden's ASEA and Switzerland's Brown Boveri.

Acquisition proposals must submitted at the beginning of October and the BR board hopes to complete the sale before the year end.

Clowes case

The Crown Prosecution Service may bring further charges against Mr Peter Clowes, the former head of Barlow Clowes, a CPS spokewoman indicated yesterday.

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Oil down

Oil traders yesterday marked prices down, following the inconclusive meeting of the Opec monitoring committee in Switzerland. North Sea Brent crude traded at $14.45 a barrel, compared with $15.10 the day before.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2127.13 (-6.94)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	28292.66 (-55.79)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2677.37 (-15.26)
Amsterdam: Gen	282.1 (+0.6)
Sydney: AO	1631.3 (+9.2)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1488.7 (-8.8)
Brussels:	
General	4944.5 (+13.9)
Paris: CAC	358.5 (-0.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen	478.1 (+4.1)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	975.20 (+3.06)
FT-"500"	1057.23 (+2.95)
FT Gold Mines	199.1 (+1.3)
FT Fixed interest	97.68 (-0.01)
FT Govt Secs	88.37 (+0.39)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Blue Circle	468½p (+12p)
Courts (Furn) 'A'	265p (+25p)
Greenall Whitley	242½p (+10½p)
Volex	358½ (+10p)
A Goldberg	225p (+10p)
J Rothschild	147½p (+10½p)
Polly Peck	326p (+13p)
Tozer Kemsley	105p (+7p)
Inchcape	219½p (+8p)
Hestair	321p (+11p)
Throg Dual	335p (+10p)
Continental & Ind	880p (+10p)
Pleasurama	260p (+34p)
Rosehaugh	749p (+11p)
British Aerospace	491½p (+9p)
FALLS:	
TVS	314½p (-15p)
High-Point	377½p (-10p)
PWS	153½p (-51p)
Hunter	210p (-10p)
Personal Computer	250p (-25p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	25192

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month Interbank 10 3/16-10⅜%
3-month eligible bills: 10 15/32-10⅜%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9½%
Federal Funds 7 11/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.87-6.86%*
30-year bonds 100 25/32-100 13/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7110	£: $1.7100*
£: DM3.2133	$: DM1.8805*
£: SwFr2.6820	$: SwFr1.5680*
£: FFr10.8392	$: FFr6.3390*
£: Yen227.46	$: Yen133.02*
£: Index:76.6	$: Index:98.7
ECU £0.649167	SDR £0.760539

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $433.40 pm-$433.10
close $433.00-433.50 (£253.00-253.50)
New York:
Comex $432.80-433.30*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept) pm $14.45bbl ($14.92)
* Denotes latest trading price

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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: British Airways (01846) added 6p on better-than-expected first quarter results. Mecca (01472) shares dropped 12p after their hostile £621m bid for Pleasurama (02209), whose shares rose 34p. PWS Holdings (02353) dropped 52p on news that their chief executive resigned following losses in the US.

● Recent additions include: Dukeminster (03411); Seriff Cowells (02896); TVS Entertainment (03413)

● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

Mecca offers £621m for Pleasurama

By Cliff Feltham

Mecca Leisure, one of the oldest names in the entertainments industry, stunned the stock market yesterday by springing a £621 million takeover bid for Pleasurama, the hotels and casino group.

Mecca insisted the bid would only go ahead if Pleasurama called off its offer for the Hard Rock Café chain. Pleasurama, which is three times the size of Mecca, dismissed the offer as "opportunistic and unwelcome."

Leisure analysts were doubtful of Mecca's bid succeeding at its present level, but there was speculation that other predators could move in with rival bids for Pleasurama, which has been the subject of takeover talk for some time. Favourites are the Rank Organisation and Bass, the brewer.

Mecca's all-paper offer values the Pleasurama ordinary shares at 261p and the convertible preference shares at 243p. Pleasurama, which had shot up in late trading on Wednesday, jumped 34p to 260p. Mecca fell 12p to 204p.

Mr Michael Guthrie, the Mecca chairman, revealed that he opened talks with Pleasurama early last year to try and agree a merger.

"They acknowledged there were strong commercial benefits in a get-together but decided they wanted to remain on their own. However, we are convinced there is a need for a strong pure entertainment-based group. The City has said it wants to be able to invest in a large leisure group which we believe we can create," said Mr Guthrie.

"We haven't suddenly thought up this bid. We have been looking at it for 18 months," he added.

The bid values Pleasurama at nearly 19 times last year's earnings and Mecca claims it offers ordinary shareholders a capital boost of 25.5 per cent.

Mecca predicts its pre-tax profits for the present year will be not less than £22.25 million against £14 million last time.

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Earnings per share are forecast at least 24 per cent higher at not less than 14.4p.

A big stumbling block is likely to be a Pleasurama extraordinary meeting next week to vote on the Hard Rock acquisition and a £120 million rights issue to pay for the deal. The resolution needs the support of 75 per cent of the shareholders.

Mr Guthrie said he was not convinced the deal was a good one. He said Pleasurama's plans to promote the use of the name could ruin its appeal, while running single outlets around the world would be difficult to manage.

"There are a number of aspects to this deal which we think need a much closer investigation," he said.

Mecca claimed there was a strong shareholder overlap between the two companies, with its own institutional investors owning as much as 30 per cent of Pleasurama.

Mr Jeremy Long, the Mecca finance director, said: "We believe the common shareholder base will provide good support for our offer particularly in view of the desire among institutions to find a large vehicle for investment in the leisure sector."

But, Mr Barry Hardy, Pleasurama's planning and development director, said: "We are not convinced that creating a large leisure group makes it a good one. We could turn round and bid for them but it would not make us a better company. There has got to be a chance of someone else coming in and bidding for us. If we wanted to look around for a white knight we would have no difficulty in finding one."

Mr Nigel Reed, a leisure analyst at Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, said: "I am not totally surprised by the bid. There have been rumours that Mecca could be tieing up with Rank to launch a bid. The bid makes a lot of sense."

Mecca is offering seven new ordinary shares and 10 new convertible preference for every 10 Pleasurama ordinary shares.

It is also offering 28 new ordinary and 40 new convertible preference for every 43 Pleasurama convertible preference shares.

Power industry 'met Government targets'

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The electricity industry, which is set to be sold off in the biggest-ever privatization of state-owned assets, announced yesterday that last year it met Government financial targets set three years ago, that it created new sales records, and coped with the worst hurricane damage in its 40-year history, while cutting prices by 17 per cent in real terms.

However, power prices, which rose in April this year, will have to go up again — probably by about 5 per cent — next year, before the industry is privatized, to meet the latest Government targets.

Sir Philip Jones, the chairman of the Electricity Council, the umbrella organization which represents the existing 12 area electricity boards and the Central Electricity Generating Board, said that the Government's new targets meant that the power industry has to meet the 5 per cent norm set for nationalized industries.

The financial figures results announced by the industry showed that it made a a pre-tax operating profit of £865 million in 1987-88 and an after-tax figure of £154.6 million, compared with £1,166 million and £587 million the year before, reflecting the

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decision, in April 1987, to keep prices down and not exceed the Government's financial targets.

The industry's ability to achieve much higher returns when freed from Government constraints will be used by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary, in the coming months to underline the potential it has for both profits and efficiencies, which will ultimately lead to lower power prices.

The Bill for the privatization of the industry will be put before Parliament this autumn, with vesting day in January 1990.

The CEGB said yesterday that from January it will operate three shadow companies, in line with its structure following privatization, from January next year.

Sir Philip and Lord Marshall of Goring, the head of the CEGB, said that private power generators were coming forward, and that this could increase competition.

However, until the industry moves into the private sector its critics will continue to argue that it is being "fattened up" for privatization.

TI surprises with 60% gain

By Alexandra Jackson

TI Group, the specialist engineering company, beat market expectations with a 60 per cent increase in pre-tax profits from £25.1 million to £40.1 million in the half year to end-June. The shares jumped 13p to 369p.

Theinterim dividend rises from 3.5p to 4.75p.

Sales edged ahead 2 per cent from £465 million to £473.2 million allowing operating margins to widen from 6.4 per cent to 8.8 per cent.

Crane, the US specialist seals business, and Bundy, a small diameter tube operation, acquired in September and April respectively, made satisfactory contributions. Acquisitions added £6 million to pre-tax profits.

Despite fluctuating currencies during the half year the profits shortfall was only £1 million.

There was a pension fund holiday worth £1 million at the operating profits level, compared with £1.6 million in the first half of last year.

TI is reorganizing its research operation to improve the link between the technology and marketing sides. This involves the closure of the group's central laboratory in Cambridge. All TI's applied technology research will be done at the operating locations, compared with 70 per cent before.

Half of the extraordinary charge of £2.4 million relates to this closure. There will be cost savings by next year.

The only disappointing area in the half-year results was the aerospace division, where profits marked time.

Aerospace accounts for about 6 per cent of sales but a slightly higher percentage of profits.

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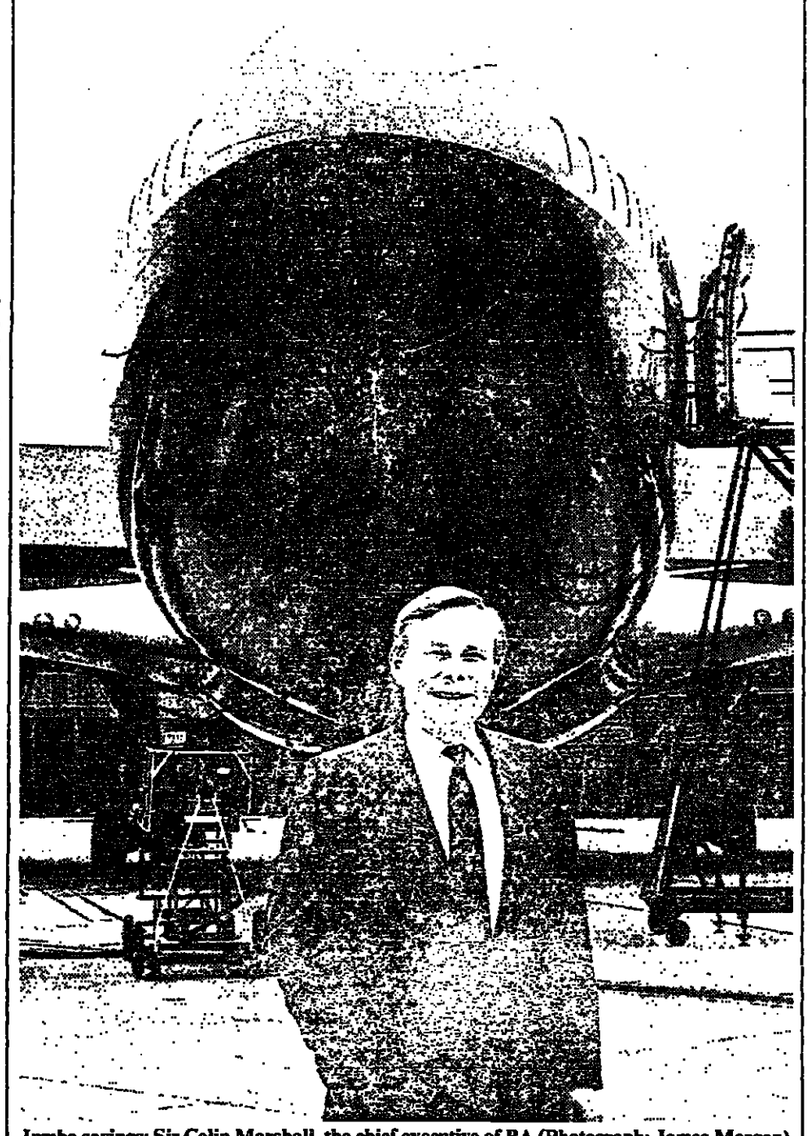

Jumbo savings: Sir Colin Marshall, the chief executive of BA (Photograph: James Morgan)

BA is back on course with £81m first quarter profit

By Graham Searjeant

British Airways pleased the City with profits of £81 million pre-tax for the March to June quarter, the first three months of its financial year.

Profits were £9 million lower than the same period last year after higher interest charges. But they were above City forecasts, showing that BA had acted quickly to stem the heavy losses attributed to British Caledonian in the previous quarter.

Quarterly earnings fell from 8.1p to 7.4p per share.

Poor bookings on former BCal services due to uncertainty over the airline's future last autumn, have left the passenger load factor 8 to 9 points behind that of the former British Airways and cut the group total from 71.4 to 66.2 per cent of capacity.

Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive, said it had been too late to get back business on Gatwick routes for this summer. But he added that the group's new strategy for Gatwick, which includes newer aircraft and concentration at the new North terminal, would put its full marketing effort behind the old BCal routes.

Lord King, the chairman, told shareholders that group performance had been close to target and that "we have taken firm control of costs" in the former BCal operations.

Sir Colin said that there were more savings to come from 800 job losses (including 400 from the Gatwick reorganization) making a total of 2200 from the merger.

Group turnover rose by 13 per cent to £1.02 billion and airline turnover was 17 per cent up at £989 million. Passenger numbers increased by 16 per cent to 5.7 million. Borrowing increased to more than £1 billion, mainly due to the BCal acquisition, but the business generated £181 million cash in the quarter.

BA confirmed that it wants to buy a stake in Air New Zealand, for which the New Zealand government requires bids by tonight.

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Assets frozen in Clowes link

By Lawrence Lever

Liquidators for Barlow Clowes International, the offshore division of the crashed investment group, have frozen assets of up to £7 million held by a British Virgin Islands company called Ryeman Ltd.

This company is believed to be controlled by the uncle of Mr Guy von Cramer, the Leeds businessman.

Ernst & Whinney, the accountancy firm acting as liquidators, has obtained court orders in London and the Isle of Man freezing Ryeman's assets.

The court orders apply to any motor vehicles owned by Ryeman including a Bentley Turbo and a Porsche.

Ernst & Whinney is still seeking further information about Ryeman, which appears to be a company with enormous territorial reach.

To ensure that Ryeman was properly notified of the court orders against it, copies were sent to the British Virgin Islands, Liechtenstein, the Isle of Man and the Island of Sark.

Ernst & Whinney has also obtained a court order against the merchant bank Singer & Friedlander, with which the bank is complying.

This requires Singer to provide documents relating to accounts it holds of Ryeman, Mr von Cramer and Brodian, a company used by Mr von Cramer and Mr Peter Clowes, the head of Barlow Clowes, to take stakes in various public companies.

These manoeuvres form part of legal proceedings brought by Ernst & Whinney against Mr von Cramer, aged 27, who is Mr Clowes' erstwhile business partner. Companies associated with Mr von Cramer are alleged to have received £14 million belonging to Barlow Clowes investors.

Yesterday Mr von Cramer agreed to the continuance of a High Court order freezing his assets. The order also covers a number of companies associated with him.

The asset freezing order is part of the battle by Ernst & Whinney to recover £138 million owed to 11,000 investors with BCI.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC, for Mr von Cramer, said he wished to make clear that Mr von Cramer's consent to the orders did not involve "any retreat from his position that he rejects all allegations of wrongdoing made against him and will in due course answer such allegations as have been made."

Purchases pay off for Hickson

Hickson International, the specialist chemicals and building protection group, beat forecasts by up to £1 million with a 38 per cent pre-tax profits rise to £12.05 million in the six months to end-June.

There has been takeover speculation this summer, but Mr John Marvin, the managing director, said the group was keen to remain independent.

Much of the progress came from purchases. In chemicals, there was £300,000 from Kerley Enterprises, the US group bought in June. Sayerlack, the Italian company acquired in July, contributed £1.5 million. Profits of £2.3 million (£1.5 million) from merchant distribution came largely from three acquisitions

The interim dividend rises from 1.625p to 2.25p.

American investment 'could lose £4m'

PWS chief resigns after bad US buy

By Colin Campbell

Mr Raanan Ben-Zur, aged 32, the chief executive of PWS Holdings, the Lloyd's broker, yesterday summarily resigned from PWS after the group's unexpected admission that it stands to lose up to £4 million on its January takeover of Glenn, Nyhan & Associates,the US insurance group.

PWS, which is Britain's seventh largest quoted insurance broking group, obliquely said that the projected £4 million loss follows the revelation to its board yesterday of "a serious concealment" regarding certain aspects of GNA's operations, and that the board "is considering the company's legal remedies arising as a result of the acquisition."

PWS's net is likely to be cast in the US and Britain in pursuit of its legal claims, industry sources said. Its shares slumped from 205p to 154p reflecting not only the financial impact on PWS but also fears about the fate of Mr Ben-Zur's 42 per cent family holding.

Mr Ben-Zur's original family company, The Hudson Group, was effectively reversed into PWS International in May, 1986, and it was Mr Ben-Zur who was seen to be the dominant influence within the merged PWS group.

Yesterday's share price reaction also reflected investment concern that Mr Ben-Zur — autocratic though he might have been — was widely regarded as the architect of PWS, and that earlier performance hopes may not now be fulfilled. However, PWS was quick to replace Mr Ben-Zur with the appointment of Mr Brian Sounes as acting chief executive. No other boardroom resignations are planned.

Despite the generally accepted principle of a board's collective responsibility, Mr Ben-Zur was yesterday said to have been the director most visibly identified with the GNA takeover, and that because the acquisition was said to have been one of his personal crusades, he had decided in view of developments to tender his resignation. The offer was unaminously accepted by the board.

PWS bought GNA in February for $500,000 in cash and the issue of 1.39 million shares, valuing the acquisition at £3 million ($5.1 million at the exchange rates then).

At the time, PWS said GNA would be a significant addition to the PWS Group, adding that the board "look forward to the contribution which they believe the executives of GNA will make."

PWS admitted yesterday that after it had bought GNA, which specializes in liability insurance programmes for US professional trade associations, it was obliged to inject more capital into GNA. The group's total current commitment to GNA is estimated at $12 million.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Post-crash debts hit Personal Computers

Personal Computers, the microcomputer dealer, blames City institutions who have failed to pay their bills following the October crash for provisions of £750,000 it will have to make against profits in preliminary figures for the year to end-May.

These would mean that analysts' forecasts of £1.75 million would not be met, Mr Michael Sterland, the managing director, warned. It has been forced by auditors to make the provisions against 15 per cent of the value of bills unpaid after six months. "The accountants say that after six months one has to assume that a proportion isn't going to be paid — even if it's the Bank of England." Heavy but unconnected investment costs would mean the first half of this year would be disappointing, he added. The shares lost 25p to 250p on the USM.

CEI buys InfraRed

Cambridge Electronic Industries has followed up its agreed offer for InfraRed Associates, the USM-quoted high technology group, with further purchases in the market which takes acceptances over 50 per cent. Its broker, Cazenove & Co, bought 7.3 per cent of the company at the offer price of 70p to add to acceptances totalling 42.7 per cent already gained.

BPP up to £670,000

BPP Holdings, the educational publisher, lifted pre-tax profits by £370,000 to £670,000 in the six months to end-June. The improvement was helped by a contribution of £300,000 from Mander Portman Woodward, its private tutorial college, acquired last year, said the managing director, Mr Charles Prior. The half-way dividend is 3.4p (2.6p).

Bowater in $38m sale

Bowater Industries, the packaging and building materials group, has found a buyer for Speedring, the US aerospace business it acquired as part of Rexham Corporation in November last year. Precision Aerotech of La Jolla, California, is paying $38 million (£22.2 million) for Speedring, which comprises about 90 per cent of Rexham's aerospace and defence division, the rest of which is still for sale.

Mr Michael Hartnall, finance director at Bowater, said the decision had been taken to sell Speedring, which makes precision-machined components for the aerospace industry, immediately after the £135 million acquisition of Rexham. It was outside the group's mainstream business, and as a "security risk business," US law required it to be run at arm's length by a board of trustees rather than a foreign owner, he added.

Stanley Miller buys stake

Stanley Miller Holdings, the building contractor, is taking a controlling interest in III E, a specialist energy management and environmental control company for £125,000 cash. This will give it 50.2 per cent of III E, which has already worked as a subcontractor for Miller and made a loss of £13,000 in the year to end-December. After the subscription III E will have net assets of £200,000.

Kitty Little's maiden buy

Kitty Little, the manufacturer of fragrance products which made its USM debut in April, has announced its first purchase — of Shardan, a maker of toiletry bags and purses, for a maximum of £664,000. An initial payment of £250,000 will be satisfied by a vendor placing of 236,000 new shares at 105p. The rest depends on profits. In the year to end-December, Shardan had net profits of £114,000.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Acal (135p)	150
BMSS (118p)	123
Broadwell Land (155p)	177 −1
Bucknall Aust (110p)	125 +2
Builder Gp (125p)	161 +4
Caldwell Inv	51
Christie Grp (145p)	168
Colefax Fowler (125p)	146
Colroy (150p)	156
Conroy Pet	59
Dukeminster	80
Eng O'seas Prop (155p)	138 +1
Erostin Group (165p)	168 +2
European Colour	30½
Heritage (95p)	186
Herring Son (150p)	151
Hilclare (60p)	81
Jackson Group	112
Lincat Group (115p)	163
Nat Telecom	144
Optim Gp (60p)	58
Palmerston Hldgs	240 −2
Rockfort	124
Saunderson Elec (130p)	155 +5
Savills (125p)	131
SCRcorp	£19 +⅛
Severfield-R (80p)	93
Sonic Tape (15p)	14½
Tams (John) (80p)	88
Thomtons (125p)	132 −1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bryant (Derek) Np	12
Campbell Arm N/P	11 +1
City Gate N/P	310
Evans Halshaw N/P	38 +1
Goodman N/P	5 −1
Macallan Glenlvt N/P	145
Northamber N/P	58 +3
Pennine 'A' N/P	4 +1
Owners Abroad N/P	29 −2
Reliant Motor N/P	6

(Issue price in brackets).

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,456	Costs	1,516	Land Sec	1,270	Royal Ins	642
Abbey	1,511	CU	1,940	Laporte	45	Saatchi	298
Ald-Lyons	473	Cons Gold	913	L&G	802	Sainsbury	983
Amstrad	2,658	Cookson	1,180	Lloyds	1,556	Scot & N	830
ASDA	733	Courtaulds	1,508	Lonrho	1,646	Sears	8,592
AS Foods	88	Dalgety	591	Lucas	454	Sedgwick	861
Argyll	2,047	Dee	881	Magnet	2,120	Shell	785
BAA	1,625	Dixons	658	M&S	1,874	Smith & N	5120
BET	331	ECC	346	Maxwell Cm	280	Smith WH	319
BTR	4,897	Enterprise	333	MEPC	451	Smiths Ind	445
BAT	1,251	Ferranti	1,825	Metal Box	498	STC	2,127
Barclays	845	Fisons	1,276	Midland	184	Stan Chart	623
Bass	501	FKI Babck	6,846	NatWest	913	Storehse	920
Beecham	652	Gen Acc	939	Next	765	Sun Alliance	473
Beazer	445	GEC	2,834	Nth Food	311	T & N	738
Bensld SW	386	Glaxo	502	P&O	1,112	Tarmac	2,276
BICC	706	Globe Inv	59	Pearl	139	Tate & Lyle	60
Blue Arrow	2,210	Glynwed	4,029	Pearson	33	TSB	1,356
Blue Circle	2,893	Granada	1,095	Pilkington	3,124	Tesco	830
BOC	391	Grand Met	402	Plessey	580	Thorn EMI	660
Boots	2,589	GUS 'A'	153	Prudential	3,783	Trafalgar	924
BPB	2,895	GRE	2,697	Racal	4,768	THF	3,902
Br Aero	1,977	GKN	1,407	Rk Hovis	3,046	Ultramar	342
Br Airways	24,341	Guinness	727	Rank	200	Unigate	1,335
Br Comm	1,056	Hamm 'A'	580	R&C	2,938	Unilever	848
Br Gas	4,741	Hanson	5,369	Redland	234	United Bis	1,386
Br Petrol	1,037	Hawker	1,139	Reed	263	Utd News	228
Br Telecm	2,888	Hillsdown	1,003	Reuters	1,025	Wellcome	597
Bunzl	247	IMI	485	RMC Gp	1,344	Whitbrd	1,119
Burmah	79	ICI	606	RTZ	492	Williams	469
Burton	4,481	Inchcape	4,754	R-Royce	426	Willis Fab	111
C&W	470	Jaguar	1,226	Rothmn 'B'	425	Wimpey G	33
Cadbury	233	Lasmo	1,207	Rowntree	1,001	Woolworth	910
		Ladbroke	2,392	Royal Bank	1,412	Equities page 27	

AKZO

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TEMPUS

B-Cal cost cutting clears BA gloom

British Airways, after disappointing the City with full-year profits of £228 million, made analysts' forecasts for the first quarter of 1988-89 look too gloomy. The pre-tax profit of £81 million was a good £10 million above average estimates, thanks mainly to a rapid integration of the British Caledonian operation and cost-cutting.

With the big summer season under way, BA watchers have responded to finance director Gordon Dunlop's cricketing metaphor that "if you get runs on the board by the end of June, you should feature well in the averages at the end of the season."

BZW's Ian Wild has marked his median full-year forecast up from £210 million to £250 million pre-tax for earnings around 22.5p per share.

BA thinks its shares are relatively undervalued. After a good run lately, they gained 6p yesterday to 163p, about 7.25 times prospective earnings and yielding an historic 5.6 per cent.

Allowing for possible short-term profit-taking, this is not demanding. But, with oriental exceptions, airline companies tend to be trading stocks.

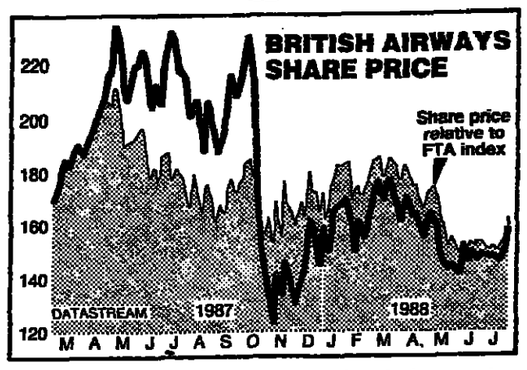
BA's special feature is absorbing B-Cal. Indeed, that is all investors have to go on since the merger obscures the performance of the original BA.

Turnover is up by only 13 per cent (17 per cent in the airline). That is below par for a business with 28 per cent more scheduled available seat kilometres. There has been negligible combined volume growth. And B-Cal has cut the passenger load factor.

Yet the potential turnaround is great. About £90 million has been provided for rationalization and little more than half the estimated £100 million cost savings have probably been made.

This ought to show through strongly next year as BA launches a combined winter timetable and puts its full marketing effort behind the lagging Gatwick services, which suffered this year from merger uncertainty

Meanwhile BA profits have been helped by lack of price-cutting and improved yields on both passenger and cargo business in a buoyant market. If that lasts, a profit breakthrough in 1989-90 would certainly make the shares look cheap on a one-year view.



TI Group

There can be few remaining agnostics where TI Group is concerned. The company's much-vaunted mission statement, urging the company to become an international specialist engineering business operating in selected niches on a global basis, has been closely followed and to good effect.

The doctrine is having a pleasing impact on the trend in earnings and is shining a brighter light on TI's outlook.

Admittedly the repositioning of the group is largely complete, bringing with it one off gains as the business is reorganized and as higher-margin operations, such as Crane and Bundy, are integrated.

But there are still considerable benefits to come before TI hits its targeted 10 per cent return on sales. (Even then TI claims it will only have reached the end of the beginning). In the half year, margins rose from 6.5 per cent to 9.1 per cent, having been 7.7 per cent for the full year in 1987.

An example of the changing quality of earnings at TI is the move away from commodity oriented businesses. In 1980 they accounted for 50 per cent of the business, compared with nothing now.

The broadening product mix and geographical spread will also reduce the group's traditional cyclical image. Indeed, only half the automotive division's profits — or about 14 per cent of the group — is still prone to specific cyclical changes.

TI would not be immune, if there were a sharp downturn in world economic activity. However, the fact that a third of the business is geared to the replacement market provides an element of shelter.

Of the £15 million increase in pre-tax profits, acquisitions contributed about £6 million. Organic growth is, therefore, still very much in evidence.

The search is on for the fourth leg to the business which must, of course, fit the TI strategy. The rating of the stock is not high enough to make shares the obvious way to fund a sizeable purchase, but the balance sheet is strong enough. After Bundy, gearing is approaching 40 per cent but the interest cover is a comfortable 10 times.

TI should continue to please the market with pre-tax profits of at least £85 million this year. The new shape of the business would normally make the first half the stronger period. But this year the emphasis will still be on the second six months as it will contain a full half-year from Bundy as opposed to a quarter in the first half.

The shares are on a prospective p/e of 9.6 times which is not expensive, especially if earnings move ahead by at least 15 per cent next year.

T Cowie

Car dealerships and vehicle contract hire businesses are not expected to command premium ratings on the stock market. Cars may be near essential items for most people these days, but when times are hard, it is the easiest thing in the world to defer trading in the old car for a new one.

Added to the problems of the cyclical nature of the car business, T Cowie had the misfortune of timing a rights issue to coincide with last October's market crash. It also has the Department of Trade and Industry sniffing around suspected insider dealings in the company's shares.

Any one of these circumstances might be thought enough of a worry, but the combination of all three might be a reason for T Cowie's lowly rating on the stock market.

But it is in the nature of markets to overdo both the good and the bad news and it is now a serious question as to whether the Jeremiahs who were predicting the end of the world for car sales may not have held centre stage for too long.

T Cowie's interim results showed a 61 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £10.5 million. Of this, 30 per cent came from the motor division and 55 per cent from contract hire and vehicle finance. Helped by the acquisition of Marley Vehicle Leasing, the contribution from this division jumped by 85 per cent to £5.8 million, making it the leading leasing and contract hire business in the country.

That car sales are alive and kicking, is shown by the record number of "F" registrations on August 1. But it is in contract hire that T Cowie is likely to experience its fastest growth. Mr Keith Williams, an analyst at BZW, the stockbroker, is forecasting pre-tax profits for the full year of £25 million, implying a prospective multiple of 8.1. The doubled dividend gives a prospective yield of 5.4 per cent. The shares look due for a run.

STOCK MARKET

CEGB contract boosts General Electric

The mighty **General Electric Company** was celebrating a hat trick last night after winning another big turbine generator contract from the Central Electricity Generating Board.

It has been awarded the contract to supply four 900 mega-watt turbine generators in the planned coal-fired power stations at West Burton B in Nottinghamshire and Kingsnorth in Kent. Both deals are subject to planning permission. GEC had to face fierce competition when it submitted its tender last month from rivals like NEI.

Mr Stephen Parker, an analyst at Phillips & Drew, the broker, says that this latest contract will add £500 million to GEC's sales over the next five years. He says: "It's good for sentiment but does nothing for profits and earnings."

GEC has already won contracts to supply the new generators at Sizewell and the Fawley B power station on Southampton Water. Mr Parker says this means that the group has now been awarded all the big power-supply contracts awarded by the CEGB in recent years.

He adds: "They have swept the board. It must be extremely bad news for NEI." But it could be at least five years before the benefits of these latest contracts filter through to profits. Mr Parker says: "GEC is very conservative about how it takes profits from these contracts. Usually, it does not until the generators have been bedded down."

News of the deal lifted GEC by 3p to 162p and **FKI Babcock** 4.5p to 135p. But NEI finished 6p lower at 95p.

The rest of the equity market enjoyed one of its best trading days for some time, helped by a sprinkling of good news on the trading and bid fronts. A total of 472 million Alpha and Beta shares were traded on the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system. However, this failed to be reflected in the indices, which posted only modest gains. The FT-SE 100 finished 4.6 up at 1,869.7 while the narrower FT index of 30 shares rose by 6.5 to 1,508.5.

The "Footsie" has been trading at a small premium on the futures market during the past 48 hours compared with a discount of 10 points in recent weeks. Dealers said that this boded well for sentiment over the short-term.

Government securities sported gains of up to £¾ at the longer end.

Elswick, which makes everything from bicycles to grass-cutting equipment, firmed by 0.25p to 21.25p as more than 12 million shares were traded. A line of 10 million shares which had been overhanging the market has been cleared. Smith New Court, the broker, managed to cross 9 million of them internally among clients at the 19p level. The rest were placed in the market, attracting support from Birmingham-based brokers.

Polly Peck, the international trading group headed by Mr Asil Nadir, advanced by 13p to 326p after paying £3.3 million for Joseph Le Shark, the privately- owned textile marketing group. Dealers claim that Polly Peck is now a chart buyer. One big buyer certainly thought so. He picked up 500,000 shares at the 330p level, leaving at least one market-maker looking for stock.

Pleasurama was the main talking point of the day, soaring by 34p to 260p following the £621 million all-paper offer from Mecca. Mecca says that the offer is conditional on Pleasurama abandoning its agreed offer for Hard Rock Café and the rights issue to finance it. Mecca already holds 2 per cent of the shares. It looks as though a Stock Exchange inquiry will be launched into the sudden flurry in the Pleasurama share price on Wednesday night ahead of the bid.

Property shares remained popular, helped by publication of an important review of the sector yesterday by Kleinwort Grieveson Securities, the broker.

Kleinwort says that the big property developers and investment companies now stand at a prospective 35 per cent discount to their net asset values.

Kleinwort says that the upside potential for property shares is 20 per cent. **British Land** added another 2p to 360p, after 364p, **Brixton Estates** 5p to 336p, **Great Portland** 3p to 361p, **Dares Estates** 2p to 35p and **London & Edinburgh Trust** 3p to 158p.

Elsewhere in the sector, first-time trading in **Dukeminster**, "the property investment group, got off to a confident start. The shares, placed at 75p, opened at 80p before closing at 81p — a premium of 6p on the day.

With so much emphasis on property values at the moment it was inevitable that support would boil over into those companies with big property interests. **Queens Moat**, the hotel group which has just pushed its holding in Vaux Group up to almost 5 per cent with the purchase this week of Sir Ron Brierley's 2.8 per cent stake, hardened 1p to 102p. There is talk that the group has undertaken a property revaluation which may be released with the interim figures in a couple of weeks.

Boots, the high street chemist, was also being chased higher because of its property interests.

Michael Clark

Trivial quote: Mr Douglas Kemp (right) and Mr John Pryke, of Serif Cowells, celebrate its stock market return in a new guise. San Serif, which markets the game Trivial Pursuits outside the US, reversed into Cowells, the USM specialist printer, last month. The shares were suspended at 115p pending an open offer at 160p. Shares in the new company started trading at 197p yesterday and closed at 186p.

New shareholders for Ifico

By Martin Waller

Industrial Finance and Investment Corporation, the financial services company, has acquired several overseas shareholders in a complex deal which brings it an international mergers and investment banking business as well as a new chairman after the November annual meeting.

Ifico's biggest shareholder, APA, the financially-strapped Australian insurance group, is selling almost 30 per cent of the company to CRC International Finance, while retaining its outstanding stake, which will fall to 10.7 per cent. It will receive 115p a share, against a suspension price last week for Ifico of 97p.

CRCIF is selling its international mergers and acquisitions, investment banking and investment management business to Ifico for a maximum £2.6 million in new shares, giving it a total holding of as much as 38 per cent.

This will be distributed among CRCIF's 19 overseas shareholders, including banks and other financial institutions worldwide. The hope, said Mr Christopher Norland, Ifico's chief executive, was that these would then put business Ifico's way.

Mr Claude Charles, chief executive of the mergers and investment company being acquired, will become Ifico's chairman in November as well as continuing to run that business.

COMPANY BRIEFS

CSL CORP (Int) *Pre-tax:* £0.725 (£0.474)m *EPS:* 2.65p (1.88p) *Div:* 1.20p (1.00p)	Chairman is pleased with group's progress and trading conditions remain good. The board continues to look for organic growth.
COATED ELECT INT (Fin) *Pre-tax:* £0.641 (£1.949)m *EPS:* 2.30p (9.90p) *Div:* No Fin Div mkg 1.4p	Serious downturn in results and manufacturing problems have led to sharp fall in profits. Directors are confident problems are short term.
J JARVIS (Fin) *Pre-tax:* £0.732 (£0.609)m *EPS:* 5.99p (4.80p) *Div:* 1.1p mkg 1.6p (2p)	Chairman said group's structure is now reorganized and he is confident that the company will enjoy significant progress.
TR CITY OF LON TST (Fin) *NAV:* 87.73p (101.18p) *EPS:* 2.66p (2.73p) *Div:* 0.73p mkg 2.65p	Net asset value adversely affected by the world stock market crash. Prospects in Britain look bright, but short term outlook cautious.
EW TARRY (Int,figs rand) *Pre-tax:* R5.95 (R3.35)m *EPS:* 42.5 cts (28.1 cts) *Div:* 24 cents (7 cts)	Expected attributable earnings in second half will at least equal first half.
MID WYND INT INV (Fin) *Pre-tax:* £0.24 (£0.23)m *EPS:* 3.47p (3.20p) *Div:* N/A	Present policy is to remain quite fully invested in equities.
VANTAGE SECS (Int) *Pre-tax:* £0.025 (£0.043)m *EPS:* 0.698p (1.039p) *Div:* N/A	Net asset value 112.3p (117.9p).
YRM (Fin) *Pre-tax:* £2.26 (£1.53m) *EPS:* 10.75p (9.39p) *Div:* 2.0p mkg 3.0p	Board confident coming year will be successful. Group well placed to develop range of services through acquisitions.

Pedigree deal for Whitbread

By Our City Staff

Marston, Thompson & Evershed, the Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, brewer of Pedigree bitter, has arranged a marketing deal with Whitbread, the brewer, which will distribute Pedigree selectively throughout its public houses, restaurants and hotels.

In return, Marston will market more heavily Stella Artois and Heineken, Whitbread's national lager brands. These are currently available in about 40 per cent of the regional brewer's 850 public houses and 2,000 free trade accounts, said Mr Michael Hurdle, the chairman.

Next spring Pedigree will be introduced to Whitbread's off-licenses, to be brewed in Burton-on-Trent and packaged by Whitbread. The Whitbread Investment Company, the brewer's investment subsidiary, has a stake of almost 32 per cent in Marston.

Dow drops 4 points in early dealings

New York (Reuter) — Shares remained lower in early trading yesterday after rising at the opening and then falling, partly on action related to futures trading. Buy programs added to early support from the bond market. But shares fell suddenly on arbitrage activity.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 4 points lower at 2,130.07 after rising to 2,144.00 in opening dealings and then falling to 2,125.00. Declining shares slightly outnumbered rising ones. Quaker Oats was the second most active issue, gaining 2⅝ to 55⅝. Analysts said that it rose on continuing takeover speculation. The Dow average rose by 2.85 to 2,134.07 on Wednesday.

● **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index fell by 55.79 points, or 0.20 per cent, to 28,292.66. It lost 17.88 points on Wednesday. Turnover was a light 800 million shares, unchanged from Wednesday. Prices closed lower on profit-taking after a strong morning rally

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index lost 15.26 to 2,677.37 and the Hong Kong index dropped by 10.60 to 1,770.21. Turnover rose to HK$635.93 million (£47.57 million) compared with Wednesday's HK$626.01 million.

● **Frankfurt** — The DAX 30-share index fell by 3.95 points or 0.3 per cent to 1,183.72. The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at midday, fell by 8.8 points or 0.6 per cent to 1,488.7.

WALL STREET

	Aug 3	Aug 2		Aug 3	Aug 2		Aug 3	Aug 2
AMR Cp	47	46¾	Fedders	10½	10½	Pennzoil	72¾	72½
ASA	39½	40	Fst Chicago	34¾	34½	Pepsico	36⅞	36⅞
Aetna Life	47⅞	47	Fst Int Bncp	52¾	52¾	Pfizer	53	51⅞
Allied Signal	35⅛	35¼	Fst Penn C	11⅛	11	Phelps Dod	38½	38⅞
Allis Chlm	⅝	⅝	FT Wachva	39⅞	39	Philip Mor	92⅞	91⅞
Alcoa	52⅞	53⅞	Ford Motor	53⅞	53½	Philip Pet	17⅞	17⅞
Amax Inc	23⅞	22⅞	GAF Cp	46⅛	46¼	Pillsbury	38⅞	38⅞
AMR Hess	28	28⅞	GTE Cp	40⅞	40⅞	Polaroid	41⅞	40⅞
Am Brands	47⅞	48⅛	Gen Cp	20½	20⅞	Primerica	26⅞	25⅞
Am Cyanmd	50⅞	50⅞	Gn Dynam	52⅞	53½	Proct Gble	75⅞	75⅞
Am Ele Pwr	28⅞	28⅞	Gen Electric	42¼	42⅞	Pub SE Gr	23⅞	23⅞
Amexs	30⅛	29	Gen Inst	33⅞	34⅞	R Nabisco	51⅞	51⅞
Am Family	13¼	13⅞	Gen Mills	50⅞	49⅞	Raytheon	67⅞	67⅞
Am Home	76	75½	Gen Motors	79⅞	79⅞	Rynlds Metl	52⅞	52⅞
Am Int Grp	62⅞	61⅞	Gen Pub Ut	34⅞	34⅞	Rockwell Int	20⅞	21⅞
Am Telph	26⅞	26⅞	Genesco	4⅞	4⅞	Royal Dutch	114⅞	115
Amoco Cp	78⅞	78⅞	Georgia Pac	39	38⅞	SFE Sopac	19⅞	20⅞
Anheuser B	30⅞	30⅞	Gillette	36⅞	36⅞	Sara Lee	40	39⅞
Arch Dan	20¼	20¼	Goodrich	49½	49⅞	Schlumb	34⅞	35
Armco Steel	11⅛	10⅞	Goodyear	61⅞	61⅞	Scott Paper	37⅞	37⅞
Asarco Inc	25⅞	25	Gould Inc	15	15	Seagram	56⅞	56⅞
Ashland Oil	37⅞	37⅞	Grace Co	26⅞	26⅞	Sears Roeb	36⅞	36⅞
Atl Richfld	84⅞	83⅞	Grt Atl Pac	40⅞	40⅞	Sec Pac	35⅞	35⅞
Avon Prod	24⅞	24⅞	Greyhnd	31⅞	31⅞	Shell Trans	73⅞	73⅞
Bk Boston	29⅞	29¼	Gruman	21¼	21⅞	Smith Beck	46⅞	46⅞
Bank NY	36	35	Gulf Westn	44⅞	43⅞	Sony Cp	52⅞	52⅞
Bankamer	14	14	Heinz	42⅞	42	SW Bell	38⅞	38⅞
Bkrs Tst NY	37⅞	38	Hercules	47	47⅞	Squibb	66⅞	67
Baxter	20⅞	20¼	Hewlett Pk	50⅞	51⅞	Sun Comp	59⅞	58⅞
Beth Steel	24½	24⅞	Honeywell	65⅞	66⅞	TDK	80⅞	80
Boeing	62⅞	62½	IC Ind	34⅞	34½	TRW Inc	46⅞	46⅞
Boise Casc	45	44⅞	ITT Cp	49⅞	50⅞	Teledyne	330⅞	322⅞
Borden	53⅞	52½	INCO	30⅞	31⅞	Tenneco	48	46⅞
Bristl Meyr	43¼	43	Ing Rand Wi	40⅞	40⅞	Texaco	47½	47⅞
BP	53⅞	53½	Inland Steel	39⅞	39⅞	Tex Eastn	25⅞	26⅞
Brunswick	22	22	IBM	125⅞	25⅞	Texas Inst	42⅞	44
Burl Nth	67⅞	66½	Int Paper	46	45⅞	Tex Util	28	28⅞
CBS	165⅞	163⅞	Irving Bk	67⅞	67	Textron	24	24
Cms Engy	20½	20⅞	Jhsn & Jhsn	81⅞	80⅞	Travelers	35⅞	34⅞
CPC Int	48⅞	47	K Mart	34⅞	34⅞	UAL Cp	97⅞	97⅞
CSX Cp	26	26⅞	Kaisertech	18	18	USG Cp	7⅞	7⅞
Camp Soup	27⅞	27⅞	Kerr McGee	34⅞	34⅞	USX Cp	30⅞	30⅞
Can Pacific	18½	18⅞	Kimbrly Clrk	58⅞	58⅞	Unilever Plc	33	33
Caterpillar	62½	63	Kraft	55⅞	54⅞	Un Carbide	24⅞	24⅞
Centrl SW	31⅛	31⅞	Kroger	34⅞	34⅞	Un Pac Cp	60⅞	60⅞
Champion	34⅞	34⅞	LTV Cp	3⅞	3⅞	Unisys Cp	36¼	34⅞
Chase Man	29⅞	30	Litton	75⅞	74⅞	Unit Brand	15⅞	15⅞
Chem Bank	32½	32⅞	Lockheed	43⅞	44⅞	Us West	55⅞	55
Chevron	47⅞	47⅞	Lone Star	33	32⅞	Utd Tech	38	38⅞
Chrysler	23⅞	22⅞	Man H'nwr	30⅞	30	Unocal	37⅞	36⅞
Citicorp	24⅞	24½	Manville	1⅞	1⅞	Warn Lamb	72⅞	70⅞
Clark Eq	34½	34⅞	Mapco	58⅞	58	Wells Far	64⅞	64⅞
Coca Cola	38⅞	38	Marriott	28⅞	28⅞	Westg El	52⅞	52⅞
Colgate	43⅞	42⅞	Mt Marriete	41	41⅞	Weyershr	25⅞	25⅞
Columb Gas	34	33⅞	Masco	27⅞	28⅞	Whirlpool	28⅞	28⅞
Cmb'n Eng	32¼	32⅞	Mcdonalds	45⅞	46	Woolworth	49⅞	50⅞
Cmwlth Ed	30	29⅞	McDonnell	65⅞	65⅞	Xerox Cp	53⅞	53⅞
Cons Edis	44⅞	44½	Mead Cp	43⅞	41⅞	Zenith	22⅞	24⅞
Consol Ng	36⅞	35⅞	Merck	57⅞	57⅞			
Cont Data	23⅞	22⅞	Minsta Mng	64⅞	64			
Corning Gl	59⅞	59⅞	Mobil	45⅞	45⅞			
Crane	30⅞	31⅞	Monsanto	87⅞	87			
Curtiss W	50	50	Mondelson	13⅞	13⅞			
Data Gent	18⅞	17⅞	Morgan Jp	37⅞	38			
Deere Co	45⅞	45⅞	Motorola	47⅞	47⅞			
Delta Airl	50⅞	50⅞	NCR	58	58			
Detroit Ed	14⅞	14⅞	NL Indstrs	6⅞	7			
Digital Eq	103⅞	104	Nat Md Ent	21⅞	22⅞			
Disney	63⅞	63⅞	Nat Semi	11	11			
Dow Chem	87⅞	88	Norfolk Sth	28⅞	28⅞			
Dresser Ind	30⅞	30½	NW Bancrp	33	32⅞			
Dupont	87	88	Occid Pet	26⅞	25⅞			
Duke Pwr	45⅞	45⅞	Ogden Cp	28⅞	28			
East Kodak	45⅞	45⅞	Olin Cp	48⅞	46⅞			
Eaton Cp	62⅞	63⅞	PPG Ind	44⅞	44½			
Emerson El	30⅞	30⅞	Pac Enserp	45⅞	45⅞			
Emery Air	4⅞	4⅞	Pac Gas El	16⅞	16⅞			
Exxon	47⅞	46⅞	Pan Am	2⅞	2⅞			
Farah Inc	8⅞	8⅞	Penney JC	49	49½			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	16⅞c	16⅞
Alcan Alum	38⅞	37⅞
Algoma Stl	28.37	28.37
Can Pacific	22⅞	22⅞
Cominco	19⅞	19⅞
Con Bathrst	15⅞	15⅞
Hawk S Can	24	24⅞
Hud Bay M	18⅞	18⅞
Imasco	25	25
Imperial Oil	57⅞	57⅞
Inco	37	37⅞
Royl Trstco	16⅞	16⅞
Seagram	67⅞	67⅞
Shelco 'A'	24⅞	24⅞
Thmsn N 'A'	26½	27
Varity Cp	3.85	3.85
WCT	16⅞	16⅞
Weston	33⅞	33⅞

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Harrison responds to Millicom challenge

Racal stands its ground on flotation of Vodafone

By David Brewerton

Sir Ernest Harrison is normally a man who makes himself abundantly clear but feels he has been misunderstood over his attitude towards the proposed sale of 20 per cent of Racal Telecommunications Group (RTG), better known as Vodafone, by the parent, Racal Electronics.

He never, he says, said "Vodafone belongs to Racal management." What he did say, or meant to say, was "that the Racal management who have control developed Vodafone for the benefit of the shareholders of Racal."

"As far as I am concerned shareholders own the company, and they will decide the whole thing. I think the record shows that over the years we have acted in the best interests of shareholders. A thousand pounds invested in Racal in 1961 would be worth £500,000, and that's not a bad record."

Sir Ernest is on the defensive because his board's plans for the sale of the Vodafone stake have been challenged by Millicom, its second largest shareholder. There are signs that Millicom's alternative plan to demerge all of Vodafone, giving 90 per cent of it to existing Racal shareholders and selling the balance to raise funds, is gathering some supporters among institutional investors.

This morning, Racal shareholders will receive Sir Ernest's forthright reply to Millicom's circular sent out last week, and there is no sign of a compromise.

Drumming up support: Sir Ernest Harrison of Racal

Racal needs funds to invest in its "two other exciting businesses," data communications and security, and Sir Ernest reckons that the partial flotation is the only way to achieve it.

"Why did we go this route? Well I think the share price answers that. When we announced the intention (to float Vodafone) the share price went up 30 per cent. Had we announced a rights issue it would have gone down by 40p. So that as we are at the moment every shareholder has about 100p standing on the share price because we chose that route."

And will that 100p pay for shareholders to take up their allotment of RTG shares?

The chances are it will. It is likely that RTG will be issued to shareholders on a one in seven basis, which, even after tax, will raise the amount needed.

The two sides have less than two weeks to win the battle of words over which scheme shareholders should vote for, and Sir Ernest has no doubts. "We shall win." He will not even countenance the suggestion that the institutions may decide to sit on the fence.

Not all the ammunition has been fired. One of the planks of the Millicom case, ably presented by its president, Mr Shelby Bryan, is that tax considerations will prevent a full demerger of RTG in the future if it is not achieved now.

"It is totally incorrect," says Sir Ernest in his latest letter to shareholders, "for Millicom to state that under current tax legislation it would be impossible." Racal could go down to 75 per cent, it claims, without attracting a tax liability.

But what if, for one reason or another, Racal should want to allow its grip to weaken any further?

Racal has an answer to that, but that will not be found in the circular. Sir Ernest has come up with the ingenious suggestion that instead of Racal demerging Vodafone, it would demerge its other interests, leaving Racal as merely the holding company for RTG.

Heywood buys 49% of Dutch company

By Alexandra Jackson

Heywood Williams, the glass and aluminium specialist, is taking its first step into Continental Europe by paying £7 million for a 49 per cent stake in a Dutch glass business, Scheuten Beheer.

A joint venture company is also being formed between Heywood Williams and Scheuten's owner, Mr Jacques Scheuten, to develop further opportunities in Europe. Heywood Williams will hold 70 per cent of the new company.

Scheuten made £1.2 million pre-tax profit in its last financial year. However, according to Mr Ralph Hinchcliffe, chairman of Heywood Williams, its profits are running 50 per cent higher this year, suggesting an exit p/e of 7 times current year earnings.

Heywood Williams reported a 44 per cent lift in pre-tax profits for the half to end-June up from £9.1 million to £13.1 million. Sales rose from £108.8 million to £133.7 million. Acquisitions provided £15.7 million of the sales increase and £1.5 million of the jump in profits.

The interim dividend rises from 3.4p to 4p. City analysts are expecting Heywood Williams to report pre-tax profits of £30 million for the full year, up from £20.2 million.

The strongest advance at the half-year stage came from the glass division which had £81 million of sales and £10.4 million of pre-tax profits compared with £55 million of sales and £7.3 million of profits last year. Results from aluminium saw sales rise from £33 million to £36 million while profits rose from £1.8 million to £2.2 million.

The US moved back into profit following rationalization of the operation. It contributed £500,000 to profits, having broken even last year.

Acquisitions are being actively sought. However, a forward-looking capital expenditure plan is also underway. By the year end Heywood Williams expects to have spent £11 million, excluding buys, compared with £7 million in 1987.

£3.3m deal

Polly Peck International, the acquisitive trading group headed by Mr Asil Nadir, is buying Joseph Le Shark, a textile marketing group, for £3.3 million. Under the agreement, Le Shark shareholders will receive 1.09 million new Polly Peck ordinary shares.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Mecca faces hard ride on road to Pleasurama

Little did the analysts who accompanied Michael Guthrie along Streatham High Road a couple of years ago guess that their guide to the high spots of the Mecca empire would one day bid for their then favourite company. Mecca is now a generation away from the Morleys and a much bigger fish than when it was flung out of Grand Metropolitan less than two years ago, but the bid for Pleasurama is a move which has only a marginal chance of success. Pleasurama, on the other hand, is no longer the market's darling.

Mecca had hoped to put on a bit more muscle before going for a group which is considerably larger than itself. The acquisitions have been fast and furious, but it is a measure of the size difference between the two companies that when all the convertible preference are converted, former shareholders of Pleasurama will have 72 per cent of the enlarged Mecca equity, Mecca shareholders the remainder.

Last year, after substantive talks (which were rumoured at the time but not admitted), Pleasurama told Mecca to run away and play. There is no prospect that its attitude will be any different this time around.

The timing of Mecca's bid is not of Mr Guthrie's choosing. It has been dictated by Pleasurama's proposed acquisition of Hard Rock, which is costing £63 million and is not reckoned by Mr Guthrie to be an appropriate deal. Shareholders in Pleasurama meet a week today to consider the Hard Rock deal, and they will be voting themselves into a £127 million rights issue at the same time.

It is difficult to see how Mecca can hope to succeed. The share exchange offer is not underwritten by cash, and if Mecca raises its terms, as it will have to to win Pleasurama shareholders, it is likely that Mecca will simply fall further and leave no increase at all in the final value.

There is the possibility, of course, that one of the fat capital investment houses will ride in to offer underwriting, which could support the Mecca price. But even that is no guarantee of success.

The reality of the bid is that shareholders are being offered their own shares back in a new wrapping, with a change of management. Pleasurama has not been the most popular share in the market and Michael Guthrie may have a hot track record, but there is unlikely to be enough in the current offer to persuade investors to change sides.

But Pleasurama should nevertheless take on board that the market is ready for a global player in the leisure business which is neither hotels nor drinks. Perhaps the tables should be turned on Mecca, and Pleasurama make the bid. It would make a lot more sense than Hard Rock.

The problems facing PWS

Yet another insurance broker appears to have put itself into play as a potential takeover candidate. Discomfort in the insurance market is a regular experience, but it has turned into real pain for PWS and remedies may have to be drastic.

Driving ambition is not a feature of most insurance companies and there was an element of "I told you so" permeating the market at the news of the youthful Ronnie Ben-Zur's abrupt departure as PWS chairman. Mr Ben-Zur was not well liked. His abrasive manner and somewhat high-handed style with competitors and colleagues meant that few, even in PWS, mourned his going.

But there was also an air of inevitability about the company's problems. PWS was only one of several insurance brokers pulling themselves out of the doldrums caused by poor markets and low premium rates. Companies like Sedgwick and Steel Burrill Jones have chosen the cautious path of gradual, organic expansion, laced with the occasional acquisition. PWS, in contrast, preferred the grand gesture.

It was clocking up nearly two takeovers or attempted takeovers a year. At that rate, it is hard to hit the target every time. In fact, it has missed twice, at heavy cost. The failed bid for CE Heath in 1986 cost some £1.2 million — a lot of money for a company with profits of £8.4 million for the year. At that stage the company seemed to ready to rein back its acquisitive instincts. But no.

The second miss is Glenn, Nyhan & Associates, such a highly specialized US broking business that, arguably, a British company should never have touched it. PWS's interim profits had slumped to £2.2 million this year, largely because of adverse conditions in the US. On top of that comes the £4 million loss discovered in GNA.

These losses will wipe out this year's profit for PWS, hence the 50p fall in the company's shares to 150p. But then there is the question of what Mr Ben-Zur plans to do with his family's 42 per cent stake. The strongest possibility must be that he will try to sell it. With the full extent of the US problems still unknown, who will want to buy? (PWS claimed, after all, that it had sorted everything out in June). The answer is, probably, no one — at least for a while. The PWS management has a lot of sorting out to do before it can convince the market that it is clean and healthy. Even if it sells the offending GNA, there will still be doubts about how well integrated the other parts of the business really are.

Profit leap to £2.4m at Finlan

By Colin Campbell

Finlan Group, the diversified property developer and materials handling concern, is raising its final dividend from 2.2p to 2.5p a share, making an annual total of 4.5p (4p), after turning in pre-tax profits of £2.38 million for the year ended March 31, compared with £1.51 million previously.

Turnover rose from £24.9 million to £33.6 million after what Mr David Rippon, the managing director, says was a "year of intense activity and expansion."

In March, Finlan raised £3.1 million through a placement of 4.77 million shares at 72p each which helped fund the acquisitions of UCM Timber Group, JC Gilbert, a trader in animal by-products, and Midtown Properties, together with central London property interests of the WCRS Group.

"These companies will produce a valuable contribution to results," the board adds.

In June, Finlan announced it was subscribing, over a two-year period, to 18.4 per cent of Retail Corporation through which the group's property interests are expanded into garden centre stores.

Finlan New Homes, established in 1987 as a separate division, had a workload with a potential final sales value of £10 million in hand.

The shares rose 2p to 90p.

MMC chief questions EEC mergers powers

By Wolfgang Münchau

Mr Sydney Lipworth, chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, has attacked EEC plans for a common mergers and monopolies policy. On the 40th anniversary of the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Act, under which the MMC was formed six months later in 1949, he said: "It is by no means certain that the powers of the Community are as strong as they believe."

Mr Lipworth's comments follow this week's decision by Mr Peter Sutherland, the Irish EEC Commissioner for competition policy, to block the bid for Irish Distillers by GC&C, a drinks consortium which includes Guinness, Grand Metropolitan and Allied-Lyons.

Mr Sutherland's move is seen as reaffirming his determination to wrest control of mergers policy in the run-up to a Commission meeting in the autumn, which is likely to decide the future of EEC merger policy. The Government has voiced its opposition to Mr Sutherland's plans, which if adopted would have serious implications for the MMC and Takeover Panel.

At present, the Commission's powers in mergers and acquisitions policy originate from Articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty of Rome. The EEC has previously only intervened after the national authorities reached a verdict but Mr Sutherland wants to be allowed to vet mergers in advance.

Mr Lipworth gave warning that "they need to consider what kind of set-up they require to look at proposed mergers in a short period of time. Over the last years the MMC has reduced the average time for a merger investigation from six to four months." In his view the length of an investigation should be kept at a minimum. He fears the period of uncertainty for companies and investors may rise drastically once mergers are subject to EEC bureaucracy.

"Everyone agrees that EEC mergers policy is a good thing," he said. "But no one knows exactly how it should be set up." Mr Lipworth believes too much hot air has been created around 1992.

"Europe may not be a single market yet but it is already a Common Market. So the difference is merely one of degree rather than principle."

The MMC's latest booklet, The Role of the Commission, published by HMSO Publications, is available at bookstores for £1.25.

T Cowie soars by 61% at half time

By Carol Ferguson

T Cowie, the Sunderland motor dealer and Britain's largest vehicle contract hire group, boosted its pre-tax profits by 61 per cent to £10.5 million at the half-way stage and has doubled the interim dividend to 1.2p.

Mr Tom Cowie, the chairman, said the company also intended to double the final dividend, to 4p, making 5.2p.

Turnover jumped by 62 per cent to £225 million. However, earnings per share grew more slowly, by 27 per cent to 6.59p, a reflection of last October's rights issue.

Mr Cowie said that all divisions had seen strong growth and improved performance as a result of the integration of acquisitions and organic growth.

He added: "We are optimistic that, with the normally better second half, 1988 will show a further significant improvement over last year's results."

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Broader powers to allow foreign co-operation

Global fraud law nears

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US Congress is close to finalizing legislation for the first co-ordinated international regulatory response to recent global securities frauds.

Mr David Ruder, the chairman of the Securities & Exchange Commission, testifed this week that his agency urgently needs a "modern regulatory mechanism" to cope with rising fraud and violations caused by the internationalization of markets.

He said that the volume of US equity securities purchased or sold from abroad had soared from $25.6 billion (£15.05 billion) in 1977 to $481.5 billion in 1987.

The SEC has endorsed legislation approved by a Senate committee and now under consideration by the US House which would grant the agency broader powers to co-operate with foreign governments on domestic violations and to prosecute US citizens found transgressing foreign securities laws.

Once the legislation is approved, the SEC will use it to negotiate a number of memorandums of understanding with foreign governments on the policing of securities violations.

The SEC currently has reciprocal agreements with the governments of Britain, Switzerland, Japan, three provinces in Canada and Brazil.

Ruder: "modern mechanism"

Mr Edward Markey, who was the chairman of the House hearings, said that the recent charges filed against Mr Stephen Wang, an analyst for Morgan Stanley, the investment house, and Mr Fred Lee, a Taiwanese investor, demonstrated the need for tougher rules.

The two men were accused of conspiring to violate US securities laws by trading on inside information involving more than 25 corporate clients of Morgan Stanley. Mr Lee attempted to transfer his assets to a Hong Kong bank but was prevented by US authorities.

Mr Markey predicted that the House would complete action on the proposed International Securities Enforcement Co-operation Act of 1988 in this session of Congress and go to conference with the Senate before adjournment for the elections.

The Bill would provide the SEC with three new tools to both initiate investigations and take sanctions against violators. For the first time it would grant to the agency the power to aid foreign governments which request assistance in their own investigations regardless of whether the SEC has a similar investigation underway.

Mr Ruder said that he was confident that once the SEC has the discretion to "help foreign authorities pursue criminals" then other nations will reciprocate.

In addition, it would grant waivers, in specified cases, of the comprehensive US Freedom of Information Act in order to protect the confidentiality of records produce by the SEC on behalf of foreign governments.

Mr Ruder said that due to the current broad reach of the Act, many foreign governments will not co-operate with the United States on investigations.

A third provision of the Bill will allow the SEC to take tough action against violations ofsecurities laws based on investigations by foreign government authorities. At the present time, the SEC cannot act unless it has a similar investigation underway.

Clowes is bailed until January

Mr Peter Clowes, former head of the crashed Barlow Clowes investment group, was further remanded on £300,000 bail when he appeared before City of London magistrates yesterday.

During a five-minute hearing, Mr Clowes, who arrived at court in a Mercedes with his new solicitor Mr Ian Burton, was bailed conditionally to appear again at Guildhall Magistrates' Court on January 9, 1989.

Two sureties totalling £300,000 were continued from his last court appearance in June.

Mr Clowes is charged with perverting the course of justice between November 25, 1987 and January 31 this year by causing or procuring the destruction of some documents and the creation of certain false documents.

Identical bail conditions were applied as in Mr Clowes's June appearance.

These prevent him from contacting past or present Barlow Clowes employees or clients except at the behest and in the presence of Cork Gully, the accountancy firm, or DJ Freeman, solicitor for Cork.

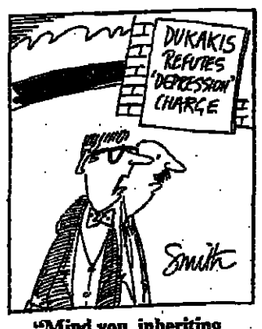
Mr Clowes is also prevented from contacting past or present financial intermediaries who recommended Barlow Clowes' products except with permission of the Serious Fraud Office.

Hoare's leaving party

The five men who left the mergers and acquisitions department of Hoare Govett — the broker owned by the big Californian bank Security Pacific — at the end of last week have run into the strong arm of American-style lawyers. Bound for Swiss Bank Corp, the team of five, headed by Peter Large, handed in their notice to the firm's American chief executive Peter Voss, and were instantly dispatched, in customary City fashion, to "sit in their gardens." But some of them have, I hear, since been summoned back to the firm's Broadgate headquarters for an embarrassing grilling with in-house legal staff who claim that various documents and computer discs — which the lawyers maintain belong to Hoare Govett and contain client information — cannot now be located. Some of the departing employees — still technically employed by Hoare — helpfully dredged up token pieces of paper to satisfy the demands. But they were, I hear, completely thrown when asked to sign a statement categorically denying that they had anything at home which might have belonged to the firm. A number of additional documents have, I am told, now surfaced.

On form

British Airways could soon find a growing number of disillusioned cricket fans among its shareholders. At yesterday's press conference at the Savoy Hotel held to announce first-quarter profits of £81 million — against forecasts by City analysts of just £65 million — one of the assembled journalists asked Sir Colin Marshall, the chief executive, why the analysts had been so far out. Gordon Dunlop, the finance director explained: "In cricket parlance, the more runs you can put on the board by June the better your end-of-season batting average." When a witty hack quipped: "Gordon, with simple logic like that, you should be chairman of the England cricket selectors," Sir Colin retorted: "He couldn't do any worse."



"Mind you, inheriting Reagan's economic policies could soon have him on the shrink's couch"

● Frank Davis, managing director of glass manufacturer Rockware, is not in the habit of writing to his milkman. But he left a note out this morning, after discovering that milk was being delivered to his new HQ in London's Chandos Street in cartons, while neighbouring Metal Box was receiving bottles — made by Rockware. The note apparently requested that Rockware's milk be delivered likewise.

Carol Leonard

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Scots shoot for Ivory

If the Scottish fund management community is less active than usual today it could be because most of them are out shooting. As a means of getting in some practice a week before the Glorious Twelfth, Ronnie Maxwell, marketing manager for Ivory & Sime in Scotland, has gathered some 30 teams together — all put up by broking and fund management firms — for a charity clay pigeon shoot in the grounds of Harburn House, West Calder, betwixt Edinburgh and Glasgow. "I thought it would be nice to get the financial community together to do something for charity, especially a week before the grouse season starts," Maxwell says. He is charging each team £100 to enter and hopes to raise at least £2,500 for The Prince's Trust, which helps young entrepreneurs.

Chartered up to £11m

Chartered Trust, the consumer finance arm of Standard Chartered Bank, yesterday announced a 29 per cent increase in pretax profits for the six months to June 30, from £8.5 million to £11 million.

The company said that while bad debt experience continued to be satisfactory, the trading performance of all its divisions was strong. Areas experiencing an increase in lending volumes included motor finance, personal lending, property lending and contract hire.

Seabright bid

A wholly owned subsidiary of the Australian Western Mining group has started an action in Ontario Supreme Court against the former directors of Seabright Resources for Can$60 million (£29 million). The bid arises out of the former directors' alleged failure to ensure that the public record of Seabright was maintained accurately as required by the Ontario Securities Act.

Aurora bid

Aurora has declared its cash bid for North British Steel wholly unconditional after receiving acceptances for 60.1 per cent of shares and buying 19 per cent. The offer remains open until further notice.

Honorbilt buy

Honorbilt Group is acquiring the school outerwear specialist A Ziggles & Son, including its freehold property for £700,000 cash.

Briton remanded on shares charge

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

A British national, Mr Andrew Chapman, aged 32, who was arrested as part of an international investigation into a share fraud, was remanded in custody for three months by a Geneva court yesterday. He is charged with professional fraud and disloyal management.

The hearing was held in secret because of what the investigating judge, Mr Laurent Kasper Ansermet, called the risk of "leaks and collusion." He is also temporarily denying defence lawyers access to the dossier of the case.

Also remanded on the same charge was Mrs Simone Davies, aged 41, the Swiss wife of Mr Carl Davies, aged 46, who is under arrest in France with two other men. The Swiss authorities are seeking their extradition.

The arrests were made last week in swoops by Swiss and French police. Seven people are held in France, among them an American, Mr Thomas Quinn, aged 50.

Mr Chapman, Geneva-born and also with Australian nationality, is director of the Geneva office of Kettler Investment, a Vaduz, Liechtenstein, registered concern.

The declared purpose of the office, opened in January last year, is the "purchase and sale of shares and services associated therewith".

He holds a similar post at Falcontrust Financial, set up in November, 1985, and at Equity Management Services, registered in January 1987, whose office was moved from Geneva to the nearby town of Nyon last January.

According to his lawyers, Mr Chapman, who is married with a family, was unaware of any of the alleged illegalities in the activities of those concerns. They say he has no formal economic or financial qualifications.

The lawyer for Mrs Davies, who holds both Swiss and British nationality, says she, too, denies any connection.

Police and Interpol have been working on the case for several months.

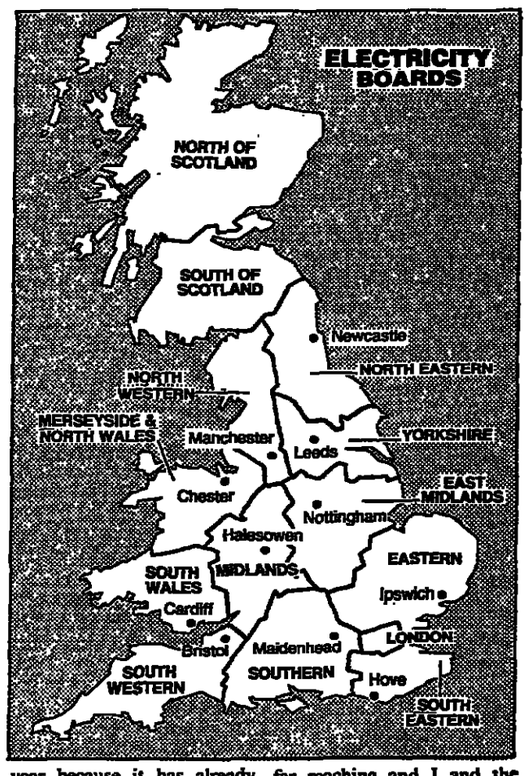
Earlier this year a "collector", allegedly working on behalf of Kettler Investment, was arrested in Malmö, Sweden, and accused of having taken 890,000 kronor (£85,000) of Swedish clients' money out of the country in violation of exchange control regulations.

There is also believed to have been a lucrative association with investors in some of the affluent Gulf countries.

Electricity chiefs prepared for move to private sector

Privatization goal is cheaper power

David Young compares the relative profit performance of the 12 area boards which supply England and Wales



South Wales

On an historic cost basis, South Wales has reported a profit of £19.7 million before tax and interest payments, representing a 10.22 per cent return on capital. The pre-tax current cost profit was £4.5 million and sales reached a record level, with an increase of 2.2 per cent on the year.

Mr Wynford Evans, the chairman, said: "Our board's view, and my own, is that the shape the Secretary of State has chosen for the industry is very beneficial for customers, staff and future shareholders of South Wales Electricity."

East Midlands

On an historic cost basis, East Midlands made a profit of £81.5 million before tax, representing a 19.2 per cent return on capital. On a current cost basis, the pre-tax profit was £45.7 million, a 4.9 per cent return, and sales rose by 3.5 per cent.

Mr John Harris, the chairman, said: "The Government's proposals will create competition in the generation of electricity which I welcome because I believe it will, over time, provide downward pressure on electricity prices."

Yorkshire

On an historic cost basis, Yorkshire's profit totalled £71.8 million before tax, a return of 15.64 per cent. The pre-tax current cost profit was £36.1 million, a 9.5 per cent return.

Mr James Porteous, the chairman, said: "In 1987-88, our best year yet, the efforts of everyone employed by YEB have been driven by the knowledge that satisfied customers are the key to our achievements. I am confident that this level of commitment will guide YEB successfully both during the run-up to privatization and afterwards as a public limited company."

South Eastern

On an historic cost basis, the South Eastern area made a profit of £41.4 million before tax, a return of 11.41 per cent. On a current cost basis, it made a pre-tax profit of £16 million. The board's profits are lower than the previous year because it has already met the Government's three-year profit target and did not increase prices last year.

Mr George Squair, the chairman, said: "The implications of the White Paper are far reaching and I and the management team look forward to the challenge."

London

On an historic cost basis, the London board made a profit of £69.7 million before tax. On a current cost basis the pre-tax profit was £48.8 million and sales have increased by 2.3 per cent.

Mr John Wilson, the chairman, said: "We have the will and ability to make a profit, supply a competitively-priced product and provide a high level of customer service. These are the attributes which we shall take into the private sector where, added to the financial freedom of Plc status, they will prove a certain recipe for success."

Southern

On an historic cost basis, Southern made a profit of £65.6 million, a return on capital of 14.4 per cent. On a current cost basis, the pre-tax profit was £38.1 million, a 2.4 per cent return on capital.

Mr Duncan Ross, the chairman, said: "The region we serve is one of the heaviest users of electricity in the country and we believe it can only benefit from the transformation of Southern Electricity from an efficient public utility into an efficient and entrepreneurial private company."

Midlands

On an historic cost basis, Midlands made a pre-tax profit of £65.5 million, a return of 14.2 per cent. On a current cost basis, the pre-tax profit was £30 million, a 3.1 per cent return.

Mr Brian Townsend, the chairman, said: "Despite the relatively mild winter we increased total electricity sales by nearly 3 per cent."

Eastern

On an historic cost basis, Eastern made a profit £83.6 million. On a current cost basis, it made a pre-tax profit of £53 million.

Mr Jim Smith, the chairman, said: "We are pleased the Government's proposals will allow us to keep our identity

Merseyside and N Wales

On a current cost basis, Merseyside and North Wales made a pre-tax profit of £4.5 million.

Mr Bryan Weston, the chairman, said increased competition in generating electricity might mean that it can be bought more cheaply. "I can see a reduction in the price of electricity," said Mr Weston, who added that American companies are already queueing up to generate electricity

South Western

On a current cost basis, South Western reported a pre-tax profit of £9.2 million.

North Eastern

On a current cost basis, the North Eastern area reported a pre-tax profit of £19.4 million.

North Western

On a current cost basis, pre-tax profits at the North Western board totalled £13.7 million.

Peel stands back from building Mersey stake

By Cliff Feltham

Peel Holdings, the expanding property group, has no plans to increase its 10 per cent stake in Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, which runs the port of Liverpool, while the share price remains at present levels.

Mr Peter Scott, the deputy managing director of Peel, said yesterday that the stake had been acquired at an average 257p. Since then, takeover fever has boosted the price to 425p. "If the shares come down to the right level we might be prepared to increase our stake," he said. "There is a lot of property potential in the company, but it is clearly being overvalued."

Peel Holdings was reporting a 27 per cent rise in full-year profits from £8 million to £10.2 million. Net assets per share increased by 30 per cent to 344p. The shares were unchanged at 345p.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon (*423)	390	45	53	63	5	10	13
	420	24	35	45	13	21	25
	460	8	17	26	42	47	48
Bass (*788)	750	52	72	85	10	20	22
	800	30	43	55	30	40	42
	850	10	20	–	67	75	–
Brit Air (*162)	140	27	30	33	1½	3½	6
	160	11½	15	20	7	11	15
	180	3	7	–	21	24	–
Brit Com (*236)	220	27	33	40	5	8	10
	240	15	23	27	15	18	20
	260	8	14	20	28	30	32
Brit Gas (*182)	160	26	30	33	1	3	4½
	180	9	15	19	5	7¼	10
	200	2¼	5½	7½	19½	20½	22
BP (*259)	240	22	31	32	4	7	10
	260	9½	18	22	12½	15½	20
	280	4	9	12½	28	29	34
Cons Gold (*1033)	950	125	155	160	28	40	53
	1000	85	120	150	53	67	80
	1100	36	67	90	110	130	145
Courtauld (*354)	300	53	–	–	2	–	–
	330	38	47	60	7	11	16
	360	19	28	40	20	25	29
	390	9	16	–	40	43	–
Cons Union (*384)	360	34	47	55	12	17	22
	390	17	30	38	24	30	36
	420	9	18	–	49	48	–
C & W (*381)	300	88	93	–	1	3	–
	330	60	68	80	3	7	12
	360	36	47	57	9	14	20
	390	16	30	40	21	28	35
GEC (*159)	140	23	28	31	1½	4	5
	160	7½	18	17	7	8	13
	180	1½	5	–	23	25	–
GKN (*341)	280	65	70	–	2	5	–
	300	46	54	60	4	10	15
	330	22	34	39	13	21	27
Grand Met (*494)	420	80	–	–	1½	–	–
	460	45	58	64	7	11	15
	500	20	34	40	24	28	33
	550	4½	14	19	63	65	67
ICI (*1058)	900	165	185	–	3	9	–
	950	117	143	–	8	18	–
	1000	75	105	–	22	33	–
	1100	24	52	–	72	80	–
Jaguar (*286)	240	53	62	–	2	4½	–
	280	35	45	53	4½	9	12
	280	22	30	38	12	15	22
	300	11	20	30	23	26	32
Land Sec (*586)	500	98	108	120	2	6	12
	550	55	68	83	9	17	23
	600	20	38	50	27	37	45
M & S (*174)	160	18	24	28	2	5½	7
	180	6	10	15	9	12	14
	200	2	5	–	27	30	–
R-Royce (*140)	130	16	18½	22	3½	6	9
	140	8½	13	17	7½	10½	14
	160	2½	5½	8	22½	25	27
STC (*285)	240	49	57	–	2	4	–
	260	32	42	46	4	7	15
	280	18	28	34	12	16	24
Sainsbury (*218)	200	24	28	34	2	6	8
	220	8	18	22	10	12	14
	240	4	7	–	25	25	–
	280	1½	4	–	45	45	–
Shell (*1063)	950	128	–	–	10	–	–
	1000	85	–	–	20	–	–
	1100	30	58	72	70	77	95
Storehse (*242)	240	20	30	40	11	18	23
	260	12	21	27	23	30	37
	280	6	14	–	42	43	–
Trafalgar (*315)	280	45	50	55	3	6	10
	300	30	35	42	7	13	17
	330	11	18	27	22	28	33
TSB (*107)	90	18	20	–	1	2	–
	100	9	11	–	2½	4	–
	110	3	6	7½	9	10	11
Ultramar (*289)	280	27	41	48	16	22	29
	300	17	31	39	23	31	40
	330	9	21	–	49	50	–
Woolworth (*282)	280	25	33	40	6	7	10
	280	10	20	28	12	15	18
	300	5	11	17	28	30	32

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad (*233)	200	37	45	52	2	4	6
	220	20	30	39	4	9	11
	240	8	18	27	13	18	20
Barclays (*405)	360	47	52	–	3	9	–
	395	18	30	–	14	22	–
	429	4	15	–	42	45	–
Beecham (*489)	420	75	82	92	¾	4½	8
	460	39	50	61	5	13	18
	500	14	26	37	22	30	35
Boots (*228)	200	31	38	43	1	4	7
	220	16	21	30	5	10	13
	240	6	12	19	16	20	25
BTR (*296)	260	38	41	50	1½	4	6½
	280	20	27	36	6½	10	13
	300	8	16	25	17	20	23
Bus Circ (*489)	390	85	95	108	2	5	8
	420	58	70	85	6	12	18
	460	28	45	62	18	27	32
	500	11	28	42	42	48	53
Dixons (*184)	160	25	29	34	1½	4	7
	180	10	15	23	8	10	15
	200	2	9	13	21	23	28

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Glaxo (*961)	900	98	115	140	9	26	32
	950	60	80	100	28	46	52
	1000	32	53	72	43	65	77
	1100	7	22	–	127	135	–
Hanson (*144)	120	26	28½	–	½	1½	–
	130	16	19½	23½	1	2½	4
	140	8½	12½	14½	3	6½	8
	160	1½	3½	6	16½	18½	19½
Hawker (*539)	460	85	93	105	2	5	8
	500	50	60	73	7	15	20
	550	18	27	45	25	33	40
Hillsdown (*283)	260	30	36	43	2	4	6
	280	14	19	25	7	10	13
	300	4	10	15	22	25	28
Lonhro (*238)	223	18	24	–	3	7	–
	240	7½	15	18	11	14	17
	260	2	7	10½	28	28	30
Midland (*418)	390	37	50	–	5	11	–
	420	16	28	42	17	22	30
	460	4	11	22	42	47	47
Sears (*136)	110	29	31	36	1	1½	3
	120	20	22½	28	1½	3	5½
	130	12½	15½	21	4	7	8½
Tesco (*148)	140	14	17	23	1	4	6
	160	3	7	11	14	15	20
	180	1	3	6	33	34	35
Thorn EMI (*972)	550	131	141	–	1	2	–
	600	84	94	107	2	9	10
	650	36	65	77	11	20	25
	700	12	33	47	32	42	47
TNF (*280)	220	41	48	51	1	2	3
	240	24	31	37	3½	6½	11
	260	11½	16½	22	13	15	18
Unilever (*480)	420	70	78	–	2	5	–
	460	35	44	58	7	15	19
	500	13	24	37	27	35	40
Wellcome (*522)	500	43	59	77	12	21	26
	550	16	30	51	36	46	51
	600	5½	16	31	79	85	94

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*280)	265	18	29	–	¾	7	–
	280	4	19	27	4	12	18
	300	1	9	16	28	28	29
Brit Aero (*489)	390	100	107	115	1	3	8
	420	70	77	90	4	7	14
	460	30	47	63	2	18	28
	500	4	26	43	68	35	38
BAT Ind (*429)	390	41	49	62	1	7	11
	420	13	30	42	2	17	23
	460	1	12	23	31	42	46
	500	1	5	–	73	75	–
Brit Tele (*246)	220	27	35	39	¾	3	5
	240	7½	18	24	2	7	10
	260	½	8	13	16	18	21
Cadbury (*377)	330	49	60	75	1	9	12
	360	19	40	50	1½	15	20
	390	3	23	32	15	32	35
	420	1½	13	23	46	50	53
Gallaher (*327)	280	46	53	62	1	2	4
	300	28	38	47	1	8	12
	330	3	18	30	6	20	23
	360	1	8	20	35	40	43
Ladbroke (*439)	390	50	55	67	1	3	7
	420	20	33	45	1	12	18
	460	1	13	25	23	35	38
LASMO (*457)	390	88	95	100	1	7	14
	420	38	60	80	1½	14	22
	460	6	40	58	8	30	44
	500	1	20	35	45	55	63
Pilkington (*217)	180	38	45	47	1	2	4
	200	18	28	32	1½	5	10
	220	2	16	20	6	13	20
	240	1	7	13	25	30	35
Plessey (*167)	140	28	34	37	1	1½	3½
	160	8	18	24	1	5	10
	180	1	9	14	14	18	22
P & O (*591)	500	83	100	112	1	4	10
	550	43	55	72	7	19	22
	600	3	25	42	15	40	47
Prudential (*169)	160	10	15	22	1	5	7
	170	2½	9	–	4	8	–
	180	1	5	10	13	16	18
Racal (*329)	300	30	46	53	1	8	11
	330	5	27	36	7	19	24
	360	1	18	24	33	38	41
RTZ (*433)	360	80	87	100	¼	3	7
	390	50	62	75	½	8	13
	420	28	42	57	8	18	27
	460	1	20	35	32	40	47
Vaal Reefs (*579)	80	2	7	9	2	8	10
	90	¾	3½	6	11	12	16
	100	½	1	3	21	24	28
Tr 12% 1986 (*109)	110	7/32	11/32	23/32	1	1⅛	1¼
	112	3/32	5/32	11/32	2⅜	2⅝	3
	114	1/32	1/16	¼	4¾	4⅞	5
	116	1/32	1/32	1/16	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞

FT-SE INDEX (*1880)

Series	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1700	173	182	190	191	2½	6	11	16
1750	125	135	146	150	4	10	20	26
1800	79	93	110	113	7	19	30	42
1850	38	60	70	82	19	35	47	56
1900	17	31	45	57	45	60	75	85
1950	5	14	28	37	87	97	107	117
2000	1½	7	15	24	137	142	147	159

August 4, 1988 Total: *2668 Calls 25590 Puts 17076 FT-SE: Calls 2166 Puts 1[illegible]

*Underlying security price.

Shorts seeks to avoid break-up with plan for single unit sale

By Robert Rodwell

The board of Short Brothers, the state-owned Belfast aerospace group, and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, its adviser, are compiling a prospectus for the sale of the company as a single unit next year.

When completed, offers for the company, which has 7,600 employees, will be sought in the hope that a consortium of buyers will emerge. A group of senior executives is likely to take up 20 per cent.

The Shorts-BZW initiative follows an about-turn by the Nothern Ireland Office since June 21 when Mr Peter Viggers, the junior minister responsible for Ulster industry, announced that the company was to be privatized, preferably as a single unit but, if necessary, broken into its constituent divisions.

The latter proposal horrified the board, as well as trade unions and the business community in Northern Ireland, which regard Shorts as indivisible, with the missile, aircraft and aerostructures divisions inter-dependent.

A break-up of the integrated design, development and production capability built up in Belfast over 50 years, which spans the aerospace spectrum from light trainers to commuter airliners and large assemblies for heavy commercial jets to Mach 4 shoulder-launched guided missiles, would mean large job losses and the likely withdrawal of high-technology expertise elsewhere, management, unions and business observers said.

The Shorts chairman, Mr Rodney Lund, met Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, last weekend to appeal against any break-up.

According to sources, he obtained Mr King's agreement that Shorts should not be sold in parts and a free hand for the board in selling the company as a single entity. He also obtained an apology, it is claimed, for the damaging leak of the Government's intentions when what the board regards as grossly misleading information about Shorts' true financial position was given. The apology extended to the use of such damaging phrases as "a millstone" and "a management that leaves much to be desired" on non-attributable lobby terms.

Stormont's Department of Economic Development, in which 92 per cent of Shorts' shares are vested, with the Department of Trade and Industry holding the remaining 8 per cent, would not comment on this yesterday. The sale of the company in parts had not been ruled out, the DED said, although a sale as a unit was the preferred option. Studies on the best way to privatize the company were being made jointly by the Department and the Shorts board, it said.

Ironically, the damaging leak over Shorts coincided with several new orders, including large sales for various Boeing airliners, the Airbus A320 and the Fokker F100 airliners. Shorts is the sole source supplier of large airframe parts or engine pods for all of them.

The first export order for Shorts' long delayed Tucano military trainer was being signed and a further US Defence Department order for Sherpa light freighters was completing its last stage through Congress.

Before privatization the Government will be obliged to write off Shorts' large debt burden, which originated in the 1960s when only 10 huge Belfast strategic freighters were ordered after MoD assurances when development began that the RAF would require 30.

Shorts' interest charges on the accumulated debt accounted for about half the operating losses last year, with most of the remainder due to the dollar's slide.

Cowan, de Groot loses £361,000

By Martin Waller

Cowan, de Groot, the distributor of toys, electrical goods and hardware being revived by Mr John Carr, the man who built up the Lloyd's broker Windsor Securities, lost £361,000 before tax in the year to end-April, against a profit of £1.43 million last time.

The deficit came from a loss on dealings in investments, taken in the first half, of £371,000 and losses at the trading level of £768,000.

These losses were offset by about £640,000 received in a fire insurance claim and a £138,000 surplus on property disposals and other reorganization.

Mr Carr, the deputy chairman and chief executive, said it had been an exceptional year. Much of the trading loss came as a result of the factory fire which gave rise to the claim.

The figures incorporated all costs of restructuring, he added, and the benefits of this would emerge this year.

Debts were cut from £8.68 million to £5.36 million over the year.

These would come down further with £2.68 million of property disposals in June and the £2.57 million sale earlier this week of half of the group's training division. Approaches have been received for the balance, a computer training business.

A final dividend of 0.75p makes a total 1p lower at 1.5p.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 25	August 5	October 27	November 7

Call options were taken out on: 4/8/88 Highland Distilleries, Belhaven, Boddington Group, FKI, Dunton, C Church Developments, Tuskar, Five Oaks, Standard & Chartered, Marines, Asda Group, Chloride, Mowatt Group, Calor, M Hall, Kwik-Fit, Britannia Arrow, Eagle Trust.
Put & Call: S Miller.

Degrees awarded by the University of Sussex

The following degree results have been announced by Sussex University

BA

American Studies (History)
Class I: (Div 1): J M King.
Class II (Div 2): M M Truman.

American Studies (Literature)
Class II (Div 1): J Johnson-Smith; K S Joseph; W A March; L E Mayhew.
Class II (Div 2): J A Chadwick; S M Madell.

Classical and Medieval Studies with Italian
Class II (Div 2): T J M Levy.

Classical and Medieval Studies with Latin
Class II (Div 1): J H Rendell.
Class II (Div 2): J E Gearing; N S Johns; B M Rowe; J R Tonkin; F J Wilson.

Computing and Artificial Intelligence
Class I: A M Franz.
Class II (Div 1): A A Bakhtiar; I D Clarke; D J Cunliffe; D N Davey; N S Ford; J M Godfrey; P N M Maury; C Picco; S J Pick; D J Wheable; J A White; S H Williams.
Class II (Div 2): M A Book; M L Brooks; S E Conway; R B Kirby; I P Rogers; R Turner.
Class III: G Christophorou; R D Sabberton; V I C Stevens.

Developmental Psychology
Class I: L Hammond.
Class II (Div 1): R T Blackbourn; H A Cruthers; T A Curry; J M Dale; A J Price.
Class II (Div 2): J L Borutta; N Clark; A P Sanderson; M J Welby-Allen.
Pass: S J Allison.

Developmental Psychology with Cognitive Science
Class II (Div 1): M R Walker.
Class II (Div 2): R M Papworth.
Class III: J Shah.

Economic History
Class II (Div 1): L D Haslett; P C Riley.
Class II (Div 2): R J Birch; C G Robins.
Class III: M Hampson.

Economics
Class II (Div 1): M D George; R J Guy; A W Horsfield; K Miller; Y J Park; S C Penfold; E D Stansfield; C P Stoddart; H T Usman; G C Wang; M A L Walters; C P Wharton.
Class II (Div 2): M N K Aldridge; B O Ayantuga; S J Burrows; S Chakraborty; A Commisso; C K Dudley; N G Elsom; M L Jacobs; M V Jones; C K Letter; B Malik; M A Melessaccio; R D Moher.
Class III: M Z Choudrey; A I C Ementke; S A Mortazavi; R Orleans-Lindsay.

Economics with Economic History
Class II (Div 2): A C Clifton.
Class III (Div 2): R J Izard.
Class III: B S Thethi.

Economics with French
Class II (Div 1): S J Horrod; N M Kurz; D Maccall; J M Mayer.
Class II (Div 2): S T Barraclough; C G V Booth.

Economics with German
Class III: P R M Compton.

Economics with Italian
Class II (Div 2): R Bulacchi.

Economics with Russian
Class II (Div 1): A Flint.

English
Class I: C A Fox; N Goldthorpe; L D Jager; A F Packer; A C E Peers; R Winn; S J Wortham.
Class II (Div 1): R A Allan; K J Allison; A J Bevan; C Birkett; L G Bryan; P Budd; J N Duquemin; M F Goulmy; T Harrison; S J Hobbs; H J Johnson; J Lanyon; D K Lowe; J Mayer; S McCloughan; A P Mills; A L Milton; R F Moore; C Nesham; R E Parham; J L Pressley; G M Rich; M G Riedel; T A Ross; S P Smith; S J Tarron; A M Walsh.
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Class II (Div 2): S Burns.

English with French
Class I: F E Auty.
Class II (Div 1): S A Crooks; T Growney; A B Preston.
Class II (Div 2): A-M Hawkes; C J Smith.

English with German
Class II (Div 2): M A Toseland.

English with Italian
Class II (Div 2): E Berla.

English with Russian
Class II (Div 2): H T McGrath.

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Class II (Div 1): S E Board; L Estherton.
Class II (Div 2): C R Dare.
Class III: H M Carmichael.

Geography with German
Class II (Div 2): R D Anderson.

Geography with Italian
Class II (Div 1): C I Di Landro.

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Class II (Div 2): S L Courtenay; S N Hampson; I Schmidt.

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Aegrotat: S Andrews.

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Class II (Div 2): R E Chandley; M J M Judd; S V J Smith.

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Class II (Div 2): M Alakila; S Keighley; S R J Kelly; J M McAuliffe; S Mehta; G Sanders.

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Class II (Div 1): P R Berkowitz.

Intellectual History with German
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Class II (Div 1): S L Cain; K Hussein; D S P Jonas; Z Payne; J Robertson; I P Scott.
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Class II (Div 2): J Duff; J A C Stuart; A R White.
Class III: S F Alavi.

International Relations with German
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International Relations with Italian
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International Relations with Russian
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Class II (Div 1): V Bright; N M De Souza; G P Gordon; J P Irauzqui.
Class II (Div 2): C E Bullman; J Colton; A Franks; M Llamas; K D H Suratgar; R Tala; S Vasishi.
Class III: C J Doe; E J Tyler.

Law with German
Class I: S R Ridley.

Law with Italian
Class II (Div 1): S S N O'Higgins.

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Class II (Div 1): F Amirt; C A Woolf.
Class II (Div 2): D A Judelson.

Linguistics with French
Class II (Div 1): A D Jackson; A J Overton.
Class II (Div 2): V J Poole.

Linguistics with German
Class II (Div 1): W H Pirie.
Class II (Div 2): H S Nias.

Literature (English)
Class II (Div 2): A P MacIntyre; I D Stuart.

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Class II (Div 1): A F M Bourne; I G Henson; E C Kaye; P Thesiger; S L Todd; J S Walduck; E M Wright.
Class II (Div 2): A-M Lewis; J S Liversedge; A R Ozaal; N R Somerville.
Class III: A J Saunders.

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Class I: J M N Dodd; A Petrospapaspyrou.
Class II (Div 2): H M Fadli; P Housham; T W Ratcliffe; R Smart.
Class III: F Mikhwanazi.

Philosophy with Cognitive Sciences
Class II (Div 1): A R Meikle.

Philosophy with French
Class II (Div 1): R C Burdett; J M H Durran.

Philosophy with Literature
Class I: J H Handel; P E Shirley.
Class II (Div 1): M A Edwards.
Class II (Div 2): A J Bass; S Butters; J A Cooper; S L M Griffiths.

Philosophy with Social Science
Class II (Div 1): M E Cohen; D Mitchell; D P Pitmkett.
Class II (Div 2): B Hoffman; J P McLoughlin.
Class III: N S Levick.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
2	Vosper Thornycroft	Industrials S-Z	
3	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	Building,Roads	
4	Speyhawk	Property	
5	Auto Sec	Electricals	
6	Citygrove	Property	
7	Dowty	Motors,Aircraft	
8	Sotelife Speakman	Chemicals,Plas	
9	BTR (aa)	Industrials A-D	
10	Ratners Group	Drapery,Stores	
11	Harrison Ind	Building,Roads	
12	Gr Portland	Property	
13	BPB Ind (aa)	Building,Roads	
14	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
15	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
16	Chenning	Industrials A-D	
17	Merivale Moore	Property	
18	Chesterfield	Property	
19	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	
20	RMC Gp (aa)	Building,Roads	
21	Star Comp	Industrials S-Z	
22	Greycoat	Property	
23	Glynwed (aa)	Industrials E-K	
24	Grainger	Property	
25	Magnolia	Industrials L-R	
26	Hay (Norman)	Industrials E-K	
27	Six Hundred	Industrials S-Z	
28	Burton (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
29	BAA (aa)	Industrials A-D	
30	Bassett Foods	Foods	
31	Belhaven	Breweries	
32	ISA Intl	Industrials E-K	
33	Logica	Electricals	
34	Juliana's Hldgs	Leisure	
35	Utd Scientific	Electricals	
36	Harland Simon	Electricals	
37	Edbro	Industrials E-K	
38	BM Gp	Industrials A-D	
39	Cap & Counties	Property	
40	Metalrax	Industrials L-R	
41	Midland (aa)	Banks,Discount	
42	Rickard (Leics)	Industrials L-R	
43	Br Airways (aa)	Industrials A-D	
44	Richardson West	Industrials L-R	
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BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
195	139	Rothschild (J) Wtd	145	150	s +10½	107	7.2	5.6
382	318	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	360	367	+1	17.9	4.9	7.1
10	5¾	Scottishers	8½	9½	..	22.8	2.5	11.3
555	410	Stand Chart (aa)	500	510	+7	48.0	9.5	8.3
116	96	TSB (aa)	108	108	..	6.6	6.2	7.3
565	507	Union Disc	545	555	● ..	38.4	7.0	12.4
355	305	Wardour SQ	315	320	+3	15.3	4.8	8.5
128	115	Do 6% 'A'	113	116	-1	8.2	7.1	..
37½	29	Wells Fargo	37½	..	..	..	..	..
454	443	Wolfrust	435	450	-5	9.3	2.1	10.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	143	Abbey	232	242	..	..	..	..
400	314	Amec	377	380	r +4	17.3	4.6	10.6
465	348	Anglia Sec	448	453	..	34	9.7	26.9
52	38	Anglo Ind	48	51	● +1	3.6	7.5	8.7
208	50	Arnicite	200	215	● ..	5.3	2.5	1.1
325	247	Attwoods	285	288	-2	8.7	3.0	16.3
388	248	BPB Ind (aa)	288	290	● +7	11.3	3.9	10.1
330	240	Bardgrange Brick	290	292	● +2	5.0	1.7	21.0
85	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	77	80	..	1.9	2.4	16.4
216	170	Barratt Dev	183	187	+1	12.6	6.8	12.1
273	181	Bellway	244	248	..	11.0	4.5	11.8
113	85	Bethwick	92	97	+1	2.9	3.1	8.6
384	255	Berkeley Gp	322	330	● ..	4.7	1.4	11.6
122	82	Bett Bros	110	120	..	4.8	4.2	26.5
400	320	Blockleys	375	425	..	23.8	5.6	7.7
675	533	THORN EMI (aa)	667	673	● -4	29.3	4.4	12.6
417	370	Tunstall	340	360	..	5.0	1.4	16.3
427	302	UEI	400	406	..	9.3	2.3	16.8
267	183	Unilock	226	230	● +1	12.1	5.3	11.6
230	163	Utd Scientific	205	208	● +8	9.2	4.4	15.9
240	150	Vibro Instruments	208	210	+12	6.0	2.9	10.8
380	325	Volex	348	368	+10	16.0	4.5	10.1
125	98	Western Selection	95	105	-2	4.8	4.3	9.9
477	380	Wholesale Fittings	467	477	..	14.4	3.1	18.7

FINANCE, LAND

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
255	192	Abingworth	240	245	..	1.7	0.7	..
115	79	Aitken Hume	82	87	..	3.1	3.9	16.6
386	205	Anglogauze	283	298	+8	13.7	4.8	8.4
67	70	Acs Hawkpass	77	81	..	2.5	3.2	32.9
303	260	Authority Inv	260	285	● ..	8.0	2.9	12.5
195	163	Berkeley Govrn	185	195	● ..	..	..	..
343	238	Br Commonwlth (aa)	320	330	● ..	11.0	4.6	10.1
138	91	Burns-Anderson	112	117	● ..	5.0	4.3	17.7
22	17	Camellia	20	22	..	213.3	11	44.7
400	290	Candover	380	400	-5	12.3	3.2	54.5
185	75	Commercial	115	125	..	1.3	1.1	37.5
598	413	Christies Int	555	565	+6	17.8	3.2	12.3
465	395	Harvey&Thompson	430	440	-5	12.3	2.8	21.8
101	62	Indl Fin Inv	88	103	+4	4.8	4.8	16.3
145	111	Kelsey Ind	125	130	..	7.7	6.0	15.3
35	26	LPT	29	37	● ..	2.0	6.7	14.6
211	180	Mapelee	200	204	..	8.9	4.4	31.0
139	105	Nat Home Loans	108	118	+3	9.0	8.0	10.1
75	55	Norwich Gen	67	72	..	..	..	..
355	180	Pamah Plc	180	210	..	1.3	0.7	22.9
165	110	Silvermines Plc	150	155	..	..	..	..
92	66	Singer & Fried	84	87	+1	1.4	1.6	28.6
143	105	Templeton Girls	128	133	-2	4.3	3.3	9.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17½	11½	American Express	173	..	●+½	..	..	..
109	64	Angle	85	87	-1	4.1	4.6	23.4
110	80	Britannia Arrow	105	108	+2	7.5	7.0	8.0
40	26½	Daily Mail	31	34	●+2	94.7	2.9	14.9
38	25½	Do 'A'	29	32	●+1	94.7	3.1	13.9
210	175	Electra	206	209	+1	64.4	3.1	41.8
233	184	First Gp	230	235	+2	9.3	4.0	18.6
178	131	GT Management	168	173	-2	6.7	3.9	16.8
135	110	Goode Durrant	125	135	●-1	2.4	1.8	9.4
805	640	Henderson Admin	720	730	-5	36.0	4.9	9.1
202	146	IOI	193	197	..	5.8	3.0	8.0
111	88	MAI	93	97	+2	5.5	5.8	..
400	284	M & G	383	390	..	10.0	2.6	..
75	45	Murray Inc	61	65	..	0.1	0.7	26.5
183	150	Smith Nw Court	185	195	..	8.7	5.6	8.4
166	116	Tyndall Hldgs	145	149	+5	6.9	4.7	14.2

FOODS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
321	274	AB Food (aa)	318	322	●+1	11.1	3.5	10.6
183	148	ASDA Group (aa)	157	159	..	5.5	3.5	12.5
50	32	Associated Brit Ports	43	45	..	..	..	..
183	123	Appletree Hldgs	145	155	● ..	4.1	2.7	27.1
212	181	Argyll (aa)	188	192	-1	7.1	3.7	14.5
191	151	Assoc Fisheries	165	170	..	6.8	4.0	16.7
79	43	Westbourne Elect	67	72	..	2.1	3.0	9.6
44	28	Murray Elect	39	38	+1	0.3	0.9	92.1
288	253	Newmark (Louis)	300	335	..	19.8	6.0	15.6
110	88½	NEI	94	96	-6	7.0	7.4	30.9
122	64	NWW Comp	87	94	..	3.4	3.7	16.0
24	16	Oceanics	18	20	..	..	..	3.8
276	199	Oxford Instruments	266	272	..	3.6	1.3	18.1
230	135	P-E International	211	221	-2	4.9	2.3	15.4
248	180	P & P	241	245	-1	2.7	1.1	..
69	47½	Peel	52	53	..	0.4	0.8	34.5
85½	75½	Phelps Fin 5½%	78	82	● ..	575	7.2	..
16	7	Phelps Lamps N/V	8	9	+½	..	..	..
260	238	Pifco	240	250	+2	9.6	3.9	9.8
194	174	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	188	195	..	9.6	5.0	7.7
178	141	Plessey (aa)	165	167	-½	8.9	5.3	10.5
168	117	Pressac	150	152	..	7.3	1.4	16.7
127	74	Quest Automation	82	89	..	2.0	2.3	7.5
353	202	Racal Elect (aa)	327	329	●-2	6.0	1.8	23.2
150	91	Reed	125	127	●-2	4.7	3.7	13.5
87	68	SD Scan	84	87	..	0.9	1.0	29.7
153	98	Scanmatic	108	113	●-2	2.1	1.9	17.7
470	430	Scholes (GH)	480	480	+5	20.6	4.4	19.5
139	75	Sensor	110	110	..	3.0	2.9	13.9
39	25	Sound Diffusion	34	36	..	0.1	0.3	9.1
301	217	STC (aa)	284	286	+3	10.3	3.6	12.7
23½	18½	TDK	23	..	-½	..	..	..
246	190	Telephone Rentals	202	208	..	11.6	4.9	17.2
63	18	Tele-Metro	58	62	+2	..	..	3.5
176	127	Thorn Scientific	155	160	● ..	5.3	3.4	10.4
675	533	THORN EMI (aa)	667	673	● -4	29.3	4.4	12.6
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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	106	Allied Colloids	127	130	●+1	3.1	2.4	14.5
677	441	Amersham	657	660	●-7	13.3	2.0	20.2
139	130	BTP	136	137	● ..	6.3	5.4	14.2
95½	79½	Beyer DM50	91½	..	-½	..	..	..
152	145	Blagden	180	185	-3	10.6	5.8	13.2
165	118	Brent Chems	160	163	+1	7.1b	4.4	14.7
244	169	Cambridge (W)	229	234	..	7.3	3.1	11.8
347	285	Coates	338	342	+6	13.1	3.9	10.9
355	295	Coates Bros	322	327	+2	10.6	3.3	10.8
213	173	Croda	205	207	..	12.3	6.0	13.6
196	146	Elks & Elwood	183	186	..	7.5	3.8	13.1
34	21	European Colour	30	32	..	..	..	..
192	149	Evode	182	186	● ..	6.2	3.4	15.4
275	205	Fosseco	270	274	-1	14.5	5.3	12.1
255	225	Haleotrade (James)	243	248	..	9.7	3.9	20.1
252	136	Hickson	232	235	-1	6.8	2.9	15.2
89½	78½	Hoechst DM50	87½	..	-½	..	..	..
11½	947	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	10½	10½	..	57.3	5.4	9.0
440	350	Laporte (aa)	418	420	..	16.4	3.9	12.1
257	159	Lawtex	232	235	+2	7.5	3.2	18.3
19½	12	Norsk Hydro	18½	..	r -½	..	..	..
183	130	Plysu	176	181	..	3.1	1.7	18.3
235	205	Rotebrook Hldgs	270	280	..	5.8	2.0	20.3
210	172	Rorkhill	205	209	..	4.5	2.2	18.2
174	115	Sutcliffe Speakman	123	130	+3	2.7	2.1	15.5
503	270	Wessenlemme Rink	403	510	..	14.0	2.8	15.8
275	213	Yorkshire Chem	258	263	-1	10.7	4.1	11.5
140	105	Yule Catto	137	142	+2	4.1	2.9	16.1

Cinemas, TV stocks have now been incorporated under Leisure

DRAPERY, STORES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
404	337	Alexon	378	383	● ..	10.7	2.8	12.4
89	31	Amber Day	80	83	-1	..	..	..
95	67	Appleyards 'A'	77	80	..	4.1	5.2	14.4
136	110	Ashley (Laura)	120	124	..	7.1	5.8	17.2
385	347	Aurum Rnd	370	385	..	11.6	3.1	21.0
143	118	Baldwin (James) 'A'	132	135	..	5.3	4.0	13.1
203	149	Bentalls	187	190	..	4.3	2.3	20.0
25	16	Blacks Leis	16½	17	●+½	0.1	0.6	68.8
645	390	Body Shop	625	630	●+2	2.4	0.4	52.2
90	65	Brentford	67	72	+2	1.0	1.4	52.2
53½	33	Brown & Jackson	46	47½	..	0.1	0.2	35.3
250	250	Brown (N)	248	252	●+1	5.0	2.0	16.7
366	213	Burton (aa)	330	335	+6	10.4	4.4	11.8
121	83	Bustard (J)	115	125	..	2.4	2.0	24.3
53	68	Capital plc	67	73	..	3.8	5.4	8.3
455	415	Church	425	445	-3	13.8	3.1	13.0
269	219	Costa Vipella (aa)	250	260	-2	11.9	5.7	8.3
265	135	Courts (Furn) 'A'	260	270	+25	7.7	2.9	8.8
545	400	DAKS Simpson 'A'	525	555	+5	12.8	2.4	11.4
54	40	Debenhams	48	49	..	1.3	2.7	10.7
217	185	Dixons Grp (aa)	192	195	+1	5.7	3.1	11.2
214	154	Dorothy	205	213	..	3.6	1.7	5.6
98	61	ERA Gp	86	90	..	3.4	3.9	12.9
147	55	Ellis & Goldstein	142	144	-1	3.6	2.5	23.7
269	215	Ends (Wholesale)	240	250	..	18.0	7.2	19.8
265	112	Fenwick Group	231	235	+7	7.2	2.8	32.3
260	223	Sundial Perkins	242	252	..	7.2	2.9	11.8
242	173	Sharpe & Fisher	227	237	..	5.5	2.4	15.5
153	108	Smart (J)	141	146	..	7.2	5.0	21.5
352	276	Stanley	347	352	r +1	12.3	3.5	12.4
265	212	Tarmac (aa)	233	237	+1	9.9	4.2	11.3
585	350	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	565	570	+3	14.0	2.5	21.0
489	230	Tilbury Group	392	402	..	12.6	3.2	13.0
355	309	Towns & Arnold	350	360	+2	8.9	2.5	12.1
188	53	Trust	182	187	●+1	2.0	1.1	27.1
340	189	Tumit	335	342	+1	11.1	3.3	15.3
155	111	Westplant	145	150	-2	..	..	..
185	135	Ward Group	176	186	..	5.8	3.2	14.3
183	159	Ward White	163	172	+8	3.3	2.0	10.7
180	150	Wards Bldgs	315	322	..	8.4	2.5	15.1
261	203	Westbury	240	245	-1	7.3	3.0	8.9
278	150	Woolco	258	264	● ..	8.7	3.3	11.0
223	143	Wilson Bowden	243	247	● ..	5.8	2.4	13.8
155	155½	Wilson (Connolly)	180	185	..	2.7	1.5	13.8
275	221	Whipney G (aa)	225	237	-1	9.3	3.9	9.0
128	111	YRM	124	132	+6	3.3	2.5	13.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	106	Allied Colloids	127	130	●+1	3.1	2.4	14.5
677	441	Amersham	657	660	●-7	13.3	2.0	20.2
139	130	BTP	136	137	● ..	6.3	5.4	14.2
95½	79½	Beyer DM50	91½	..	-½	..	..	..
152	145	Blagden	180	185	-3	10.6	5.8	13.2
165	118	Brent Chems	160	163	+1	7.1b	4.4	14.7
244	169	Cambridge (W)	229	234	..	7.3	3.1	11.8
347	285	Coates	338	342	+6	13.1	3.9	10.9
355	295	Coates Bros	322	327	+2	10.6	3.3	10.8
213	173	Croda	205	207	..	12.3	6.0	13.6
196	146	Elks & Elwood	183	186	..	7.5	3.8	13.1
34	21	European Colour	30	32	..	..	..	..
192	149	Evode	182	186	● ..	6.2	3.4	15.4
275	205	Fosseco	270	274	-1	14.5	5.3	12.1
255	225	Haleotrade (James)	243	248	..	9.7	3.9	20.1
252	136	Hickson	232	235	-1	6.8	2.9	15.2
89½	78½	Hoechst DM50	87½	..	-½	..	..	..
11½	947	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	10½	10½	..	57.3	5.4	9.0
440	350	Laporte (aa)	418	420	..	16.4	3.9	12.1
257	159	Lawtex	232	235	+2	7.5	3.2	18.3
19½	12	Norsk Hydro	18½	..	r -½	..	..	..
183	130	Plysu	176	181	..	3.1	1.7	18.3
235	205	Rotebrook Hldgs	270	280	..	5.8	2.0	20.3
210	172	Rorkhill	205	209	..	4.5	2.2	18.2
174	115	Sutcliffe Speakman	123	130	+3	2.7	2.1	15.5
503	270	Wessenlemme Rink	403	510	..	14.0	2.8	15.8
275	213	Yorkshire Chem	258	263	-1	10.7	4.1	11.5
140	105	Yule Catto	137	142	+2	4.1	2.9	16.1

ELECTRICALS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
450	340	AB Elect	442	455	..	16.5	4.1	18.8
111	81	ABB Inst	91	92	..	..	..	..
173	87	Admiral Comp	142	147	..	4.0	2.8	18.1
133	86	Alba	130	135	..	6.0	4.5	16.0
221	217	Alphameric	308	318	● ..	4.7	1.5	14.1
236½	113	Anacomp (aa)	231	234	+1	1.2	0.5	13.8
127	93	Apricot Computers	122	125	● ..	2.7	2.2	13.0
170	110	Arlec	116	125	● ..	4.0b	3.3	9.8
510	338	Atlantic Comp	482	497	..	9.8	1.9	14.2
141	77	Audio Fidelity	120	140	..	0.7	0.5	10.7
275	222	Auto Sec	273	277	r +4	3.1	1.1	17.1
66	35	Beacon Gp	39	44	..	0.7	1.7	..
65	32	Bennett & Fountain	36	38	-1	1.0	2.7	16.9
367	301	BICC (aa)	365	368	..	17.3	4.7	16.8
105	63	BSR	93	97	..	3.0	3.2	13.9
206	133	Black	202	209	● ..	6.1	3.0	14.9
127	85	Borland	100	107	+2	..	..	..
194	149	Bowthorpe	175	179	-1	4.5b	2.5	13.6
218	174	Britannia Security	190	197	+9	2.7	1.4	16.0
260	230	Br Telecom (aa)	245	246	●-1	12.7	5.2	10.6
29	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	20	23	●-1	0.3	1.4	20.9
197	151	CAP Group	303	309	..	6.0	1.9	27.4
197	93	CADE	128	130	●+2	1.0	0.8	67.6
387	313	Cable Wireless (aa)	376	382	●-2	8.9	2.3	15.8
250	193	Cambridge Elec	253	257	..	11.6	4.5	12.8
67	34	Cambridge Instr	55	57	●-1	1.0	1.8	18.0
68½	47	Chloride	56	58	●+½	2.7	4.6	13.6
243	200	Gray Elect	222	242	+2	3.7	1.6	14.3
183	141	Cryseblade	158	162	+7	7.8	4.9	7.7
83	50	DDT Group	73	80	+1	1.6	2.1	13.8

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
284	195	Allied Irish	250	258	+3	..	..	..
214	150	Anglo Leasing	190	200	● ..	4.7	2.4	10.4
30	24	Archdale (Henry)	27	31	..	2.7	3.0	38.0
239	131	Aus New Z	223	227	r +8	..	..	..
8½	3½	Bankamerica	1 81	..	..	..	..	..
269	184	Bank of Ireland	243	253	..	..	..	..
18½	15	Bank Leumi Israel	17	20	..	..	..	..
350	341½	Bank Leumi UK	340	360	● ..	16.6	4.8	11.5
398	333	Bank Of Scotland	358	362	+7	18.3	4.2	9.0
64	46	Bank Of Wales	60	67	..	3.7	5.8	8.2
450	358	Barclays (aa)	403	407	+5	27.9	6.9	10.9
39	25	Benchmark	26	29	..	2.2	7.9	12.3
435	350	Brown Shipley	360	370	..	14.0	3.9	13.5
78	47	Bos Mortgage	59	64	..	..	..	13.6
335	240	Cater Allen	345	355	-3	30.0	8.5	12.2
71	54	Cattles	65	67	+1	3.4	5.2	12.4
17½	11½	Chase Manhattan	17½	..	●-½	..	..	..
14½	9½	Chicago	14½	..	●-½	..	..	..
210	160	Close Bros	172	182	..	6.2	3.5	21.9
70½	55½	Commercial Bank	71½	..	-½	..	..	..
154½	114½	Continental Bank	151½	..	-1½	..	..	..
39	24	Equity & Gen	34	37	..	1.8	5.0	10.8
275	225	First Nat Finance	233	237	● ..	12.3	5.2	7.6
86	53	GPG	52	55	..	3.5	6.5	9.1
195	54½	Gerrard Nat	270	277	..	24.0	8.8	14.9
171	90	Guinness Mahon	118	122	+1	..	..	..
280	237	Hambros	245	258	+3	12.0	4.6	10.0
45	32	HK Shanghai	44	47	-1	3.3	7.2	..
443	415	Joseph (Leopold)	415	440	..	17.8	4.2	17.8
158	136	King & Shaxson	155	160	..	12.3	8.0	13.9
408	321	Kleinwort Benson	383	390	+3	18.2	5.0	9.4
315	237	Lloyds (aa)	301	305	●+3	16.8	6.2	9.2
57	45	Lon Scot Bk	47	50	..	2.5	5.1	12.7
490	368	Midland (aa)	415	420	●+3	28.0	6.7	5.5
284	234	Morgan Grenfell	365	370	+5	14.9	4.0	28.8
252	157	Nat Just Bk	222	226	r +6	..	..	..
607	523	Nat West (aa)	550	555	●+1	33.7	6.1	9.7
369	328	Provident	355	363	..	21.9	6.1	10.0
111	75	Rea Bros	76	81	-1	0.9	1.1	13.1

FOODS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
321	274	AB Food (aa)	318	322	●+1	11.1	3.5	10.6
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Dealing)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	111.9	118.7	..	8.42
Hi Inc Equity	120.8	128.5e	+1.0	4.83
Worldwide Bd	191.2	202.7e	+0.9	4.79
American Gth	154.4	164.2	+1.5	1.24
Asian Pacific	72.91	77.5e	+0.96	1.01
Assets & Earns	148.6	158.0	+2.1	1.54
Capital Res	79.25	79.61	+0.05	3.77
Comm Energy	109.7	109.2	+0.5	1.11
Euro Capital	71.55	76.03	+0.41	0.98
General	169.2	176.0e	+0.6	2.55
Japan	94.5	101.1	+0.7	0.00
UK Gth Inc	128.6	135.5	+1.6	2.23
Do Acc	185.7	195.7	+2.3	1.51
US Energy Co	45.77	48.69	+0.39	0.00
Income Gth	252.6	273.3	+4.4	3.40
Master Acc	74.69	79.8e	+0.54	2.27
American Inc	44.05	47.12e	+0.35	5.81
Ethical Tst	44.54	47.6e	+0.02	2.52

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD

10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 639070

20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6601 dealing (Freephone) 0800 838880

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	42.11	44.90	+0.23	1.20
Australasian	34.84	39.40	+0.30	1.31
Euro Tst	42.6	45.1	..	0.00
Extra Inc	39.03	41.46	+0.23	5.16
Fund Invest	97.62	103.7	..	2.16
Do Acc	147.9	157.1	..	2.16
Gy/Fxd Interest	23.01	24.46	-0.03	9.76
Global Income	36.48	38.81	+0.20	4.88
Income Growth	57.50	72.29	..	4.29
Japan Gen	166.3	176.9e	+0.9	0.01
N Amer Inc	26.06	27.98	+0.52	3.28
Special Sits	65.18	69.3e	-0.12	1.27
UK Growth	32.89	34.70	+0.41	2.68
World Gth	41.14	43.67	+1.21	1.10

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD

401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6454

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	109.0	116.9	+0.3	1.04
Eserve	42.0	42.3	+0.1	4.53
Far Eastern	223.3	238.7	-5.1	0.00
Fin & Prop	82.30	87.14e	+0.17	2.45
Hi Yield	77.82	82.4e	+0.19	4.21
Income & Gth	315.4	334.1e	+1.3	4.28
Intl Earnings	183.7	194.7	+1.0	2.67
Int Gth Inc	90.10	95.54	+0.20	0.23
Japan Gth Acc	159.0	170.0	-0.2	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	115.4	124.1e	+5.3	2.57
Preference Inc	133.6	141.5	..	8.60
Sml Co Div Inc	96.1	101.9e	..	4.31
Sml Co Gth	294.1	331.8e	+10.0	1.54
Spec Sits Inc	136.4	145.6	..	1.42
UK Growth	365.0	407.9e	+2.4	3.20

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS

Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 38231 dealing 0793 616388

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	298.2	317.5	-0.4	4.97
Equity Inc	174.2	185.5e	-0.3	4.21
High Yield	174.8	186.1	-0.5	5.01
Balanced	424.5	452.0	-1.7	4.25
Amer Inc	28.34	30.18e	+0.03	4.27
World Ass Val	27.56	29.35e	+0.11	1.02
Japan	144.5	153.8	+0.3	0.01
Sec of Amer	184.0	195.9	-0.1	2.89
Asset Value	323.9	344.9	-1.3	2.89
O'seas Earn	210.0	223.6e	-1.2	3.13
Recovery	101.2	107.7	-0.5	2.66
UK Spec Sits	255.8	283.0	-1.7	2.19
Smlr Co	172.9	184.1e	-0.2	2.19
Capital	256.5	273.1	-1.0	2.92
Amer Spec Sit	63.07	67.1e	+0.06	1.47
International	94.53	100.6e	+0.50	0.00
Growth & Inc	153.5	163.4e	-0.6	3.46
Euro Gth	18.08	19.25e	+0.10	1.30
Pacific	231.3	246.3e	..	0.19
2nd Smlr Co	196.1	208.8	-0.2	1.89

BARCLAYS UNICORN

Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	81.10	86.51e	+0.20	3.18
Euro Gth Inc	64.37	68.66e	+0.30	1.06
Extra Income	96.0	102.4	+0.2	6.69
General	169.9	181.2	+0.3	3.31
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.21	54.86	-0.01	9.51
Income Tst	407.2	434.3e	+0.7	4.10

BARING FUND MANAGERS

PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 3022

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American EVS	59.31	62.93	+0.32	1.10
Australian	68.80	75.13	+0.68	0.00
Eastern	82.50	88.01	+1.09	0.20
Equity Inc	70.96	75.25	+0.13	5.00
Europe	121.6	129.1	+0.9	0.00
General Tst	58.27	59.66e	+0.56	3.10
Growth & Inc	78.23	83.01	+0.44	2.20
Do Acc	122.0	129.5	+0.6	2.20
Global Gth	63.69	67.59	+0.36	0.00
Japan Spec	145.9	155.4e	+0.4	0.00
Japan Sm	154.1	164.4	+2.0	0.00
First Europe	109.0	115.7	+0.9	1.00
First Japan	106.5	113.7	+0.6	0.50
First N Amer	46.16	48.98e	+0.30	1.10
First Smlr Co	98.13	102.0	..	1.40
N Amer Spec	43.56	46.22	+0.32	0.50
UK Growth	58.93	62.66	..	5.21
Select Man Fd	47.25	50.10	+0.04	2.00

BROWN SHIPLEY

9-17, Pennymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	161.9	172.8	-0.4	3.91
Smlr Co Acc	302.2	327.9	-1.3	0.82
Do Inc	191.2	207.5	-0.7	1.28
High Income	80.57	86.1	+0.43	5.70
Income	96.1	102.5	+0.3	5.33
Man Portf Inc	88.20	94.15e	+0.16	2.83
Do Acc	149.8	159.9e	+0.3	2.20
Nth American	46.93	49.98	-0.42	0.30
Orient	109.1	116.8	..	0.29
Exempt	275.1	290.3	-0.5	2.76
Recovery	68.11	72.71	-2.21	1.81
Germany	21.84	23.26	-0.05	1.89
Int Recov	25.20	26.84	..	0.50
Europe	16.51	17.57	+0.07	3.59
Conv General	25.26	26.55	+0.16	6.61

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT

The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-588 2868 Dt 623 2348

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Emerg Inc	62.88	66.70e	..	1.70
Falkowski Inc	192.71	96.54	..	2.91
General Inc 4	272.4	288.0	..	2.97
Do Acc 4	449.6	477.3	..	2.97
Income Fd 3	140.8	149.4	..	3.85
Do Acc 3	255.1	271.3	..	3.85
Int Income 2	106.0	112.1	..	2.60
Do Acc 2	143.3	151.5	..	2.60
Smlr Inc 5	99.82	105.9e	..	1.85
Do Acc	108.5	115.1e	..	1.85

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD

117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Shf Gt Fxd Int	51.42	52.17	+0.16	1.39

CANNON FUND MANAGERS

1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8875

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	34.53	36.73e	-0.23	2.79
Income	43.58	46.36e	+0.02	4.49
Far East	30.34	32.26e	+0.07	0.20
Nth American	27.64	29.62e	+0.16	0.70
Global	45.67	48.56	+0.11	0.71
Eurtopean	40.44	43.02	+0.04	1.33
Japan	88.01	93.63	+0.10	0.01
Strategic Opp	51.32	54.60	+0.09	1.37
Do Acc	47.5	50.6	..	3.31
Intl Currency	45.34	47.76	+0.26	6.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT

PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1QE Tel: 01-588 0998

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	40.1	43.1	-2.5	3.14
European S S	69.70	73.03	+0.45	3.07
Far East S S	52.49	55.96	+0.26	0.64
Gold Gen S S	55.01	58.70	+0.27	0.67
Income	351.6	375.2	+1.9	5.02
Intl So Sits	50.68	54.03	+0.89	1.90
Nth Amer	236.5	252.3	+5.3	2.26

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND

2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	461.2		+0.4	4.70
Fixed Int	143.2		-0.2	9.99
Deposit	97.5		-12.4	9.05

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND

2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	436.17		+0.63	5.07
Acc	213.71		+0.06	..
Deposit	100.0		..	9.60

CHASE MARHATTAN FUND MNGRS

Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6822

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Retmnt	24.13	25.53	..	..
SC Special Sits	66.15	70.00	..	0.39

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373293

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	20.09	21.26	+0.03	0.30
Asiac Gth	42.09	44.54	+0.03	0.00
Oregon Gth	25.34	27.95	+0.02	1.53
Equity Hi Inc	58.68	61.93	-0.10	4.89
Do Acc	59.46	62.75	-0.10	4.89
European Gth	25.34	26.90	+0.11	1.47
Gen Equity	48.73	52.49e	-0.10	2.89
G/F Intrsl Gth	32.80	34.44e	+0.03	7.43
Gilt & Fixed Inc	34.52	36.74e	-0.52	9.98
Intl Income Tst	22.27	24.37e	-0.01	5.45
Japan Gth	48.16	50.99e	-0.04	0.00
Pedigree Gth	30.09	31.84	-0.08	2.20
Special Sits	37.39	39.67	-0.06	1.94

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Do Inc	83.44	87.70	+0.04	8.71
N Amer Acc	120.7	128.5	+0.8	0.00
Far East Acc	216.0	229.8	-0.1	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	134.3	142.9	+0.9	0.20
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Financials Fd	47.19	50.47	+0.33	2.37
Intl Tech Fd	102.1	109.9	+0.7	0.76
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Do Inc	28.22	30.07e	+0.13	4.60
Inc Gth Acc	68.17	61.69	+0.22	3.50
Do Inc	49.85	53.04	+0.29	3.50
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Do Acc	163.9	172.9	+1.0	..
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Do Acc	58.76	60.22e	+0.58	0.63
Fxd Interest Di	113.9	120.2	+0.05	7.77
Do Acc	149.7	157.9	+0.06	7.77
Int Gth Dist	55.27	58.64	+0.11	0.58
Do Acc	55.61	59.00	+0.13	0.58
Nth Amer Dist	114.8	121.7e	-0.17	1.40
Do Acc	117.3	124.4e	-0.17	1.40
Pac Basin Dist	189.8	201.4e	+0.41	0.00
Do Acc	190.0	201.6e	+0.41	0.00
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Do Spec Sits	54.48	58.27	+0.11	0.97
Income Fd	99.29	106.2	+0.19	5.77
International	160.8	172.0	+1.6	1.13
US & General	44.64	47.75	+0.49	0.05
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Far East Gen	126.1	134.9	+0.9	0.30
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Germany Fd	52.98	56.67	+0.29	0.00
Intl Inc Fd	47.90	51.24	+0.15	6.12
Wld Spec Sit	60.58	64.80e	+0.30	2.77
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Chell UK Gth	25.1	29.6	..	2.21
Man Expt	276.3	287.4	+0.63	2.52
Pract Inv Inc	67.79	72.53	+0.35	2.48
Do Acc	126.8	135.8	+0.65	2.48
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UK Smlr Cos	108.3	115.9	+0.07	1.15
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	60.79	65.20	+0.44	6.28
Fxd Interest	30.11	32.29e	+0.10	7.52
High Income	31.61	33.90e	+0.14	6.19
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Intl Fxd Int	23.75	25.19	+0.03	7.86
International Tsts				
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Frontier Mkts	26.03	27.95	+0.33	0.96
Global	162.0	172.8	+0.75	0.72
Do Dist	153.6	164.6	+0.71	0.72
Glob Inc/Gth	71.16	75.96	+0.20	3.02
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Japan Gth	67.15	71.44e	+0.04	..
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Japan Tst	180.1	191.5	+0.7	0.00
Pacific	281.7	298.0	+1.5	0.00
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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

A runaway success with a cleaning iron

By Ian A Jack

Michael Savage, aged 35, and his 30-year-old wife Sandra are ironing their way through a mini-mountain of clothes while smoothing the way to a brighter future for their own business. That business, aptly-titled Press Gang, is all about making money from doing the chore most women hate.

At their home in Stapleford, Nottingham, Mr and Mrs Savage are dashing away with the smoothing iron from morning to late evening. The ironing is other people's and so appealing is the idea that already a back-up team of women home ironers has been recruited to handle the weight of work.

The concept began as Mrs Savage's brainchild. It came to her when she and her husband were living in the Whitehaven area of Cumbria but was never put into practice because, as she says, "there wasn't *the population in those* parts to justify it."

The Savages had arrived in Cumbria from the East Midlands when Mr Savage was enticed to a building job that quickly failed. Fishing on the beach to earn a precarious living, he met a man who persuaded him to train as an industrial radiographer, after which Mr Savage worked on the extensions to Sellafield nuclear complex. His wife helped to set up the community programme in Whitehaven.

They lived in an old house which had once been part of a brewery. Michael said: "The idea was to sell the house and invest it in a business of our own. I had started dealing in antiques and planned to develop that when we returned to *the Midlands.*"

What happened in reality was that Press Gang took off so quickly after their return to the Nottingham area that Mr Savage was pressed into service to help his wife. "I'm the delivery boy", he jokes, "but I also do some ironing."

To help set up the business both obtained a £40 a week enterprise allowance. Capital investment was *in a press and an estate car for* deliveries. They also advertised in local newspapers.

Customers soon started telephoning. There are now well over 100 regulars, each paying £5 to have 10lbs of clothes collected, ironed and returned.

Some clients sent shirts for ironing at 30p each; nurses send uniforms; dentists their gowns, restaurants and pubs their table cloths.

"But much of our business comes from small families with parents out at work and children at school," says Mr Savage.

Now with about £2,000 in monthly turnover, six local women have been recruited to provide back-up as the ironing piles mount. Two more will be taken on shortly — and Mrs Savage's mother is always prepared to help out.

The Savages are looking forward to further expansion and to see the next step as a shop where they can concentrate their work with living accommodation above it.

Both are warm in their praise of the Enterprise Allowance Scheme for giving them the underpinning which has made the business launch possible.

"I would recommend the scheme to anyone and say have a go," says Mrs Savage. "And that goes, too, for starting an ironing service. It seems we are meeting a need."

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MR FRIDAY

"I've made my first million — the trouble is that I haven't been able to keep any of it!"

The Press Gang: Michael Savage and his wife, who are making a profit from taking in others' washing

British Rail branches out on community aid

By Derek Harris

British Rail is expanding its community aid programme, which should add a wide range of premises, both offices and workshops, for use mostly by smaller businesses.

The advantages to small firms will flow from a BR board decision to set up a community unit to act as a focal point for community and partnership projects, some of them already underway. A fund with an initial budget of £2.5 million has been set up by BR to finance the work of the unit which will be giving a priority to inner city schemes.

BR is probably best known as a source of smaller premises because of its development of the 8,000 viaduct arches it has around the country. But this was entirely a commercial project.

The emphasis has been different at Horwich, near Bolton, Lancashire, following the closure of a BR engineering works there. In a link with Bolton Business Ventures £500,000 has been injected over three years, partly to furnish premises to encourage businesses which could produce jobs. So far about 550 new jobs have been created.

Existing schemes like this will be taken over by the new BR unit. Another which is already being developed is at Lincoln where with a local enterprise agency an innovation centre has been set up, with the involvement of the local authority and the Training Commission, where facilities include 11 starter units for young firms.

There have been job-creation programmes, involving cash injections of up to £2 million each, at Shildon, County Durham, Swindon, Glasgow and Doncaster. At Burton on Trent collaboration between BR and the East Staffordshire District Council resulted in a former grain warehouse being converted into start-up workshops and a home for the Burton Enterprise Agency.

BR is exploring the possibility of setting up a work premises project in the North-East with British Steel Industry, which is the jobs-creation arm of the British Steel Corporation.

BR has an extensive secondment programme with more than 30 managers currently in the field helping local job initiatives. Many work with local enterprise agencies concentrating on encouraging smaller businesses. Iris Lemon, a BR secondee in charge of Brent Business Venture in London, is one of the half dozen women who are local enterprise agency directors around the country.

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Clifford Webb reviews the spruced-up Renault 25 and discovers the power of the V6 turbo version with anti-lock brakes

It is four years since Renault introduced the 25 model in an overdue attempt to make its then mediocre range an eye-catching contender in the increasingly important executive class. But it is only now, after an extensive facelift, that the car's true potential has been revealed.

External changes to the bonnet, grille, headlamps and bumpers have given the car a more balanced, sleeker line which is emphasized by new side protection mouldings linking the big wraparound bumpers with an extra three inches overhang.

The dashboard design with its huge anti-glare canopy is alas unchanged. The instruments are models of clarity but the overall effect of so much dark facia material is depressing and can only be an attempt to copy Mercedes' sombre style.

I have nothing but praise, however, for the new front seats with longer cushions for thigh support, and the modified front suspension which has reduced vibration and road noise.

The V6 turbo version tested, costing £20,400, has the latest Bosch ABS anti-lock brakes. Some anti-lock equipped cars feel *spongy under normal braking* but not this one. The brakes were efficient at all times — a confidence booster on such a fast car — claimed top speed 140 mph.

But the biggest attraction is the progressive way the 2.5 litre V6 turbo engine delivers its power. Renault insists that there have been no significant modifications since I last drove one. This is hard to believe because this car was noticeably smoother than its predecessor and would accelerate in fifth gear from 25 mph like a much bigger normally aspirated engine.

This excellent power spread makes it ideal transport for businessmen who want to potter along while they mentally rehearse their approach to the next appointment, but will just as easily revert to a high-speed cruiser to ensure that they arrive on time.

A new type of Philips, six-speaker, stereo radio-cassette player is standard on this model, together with anti-theft coding.

More manufacturers should follow Renault's lead in putting additional station-finding and volume controls on a steering-column stalk. The way some drivers take their eyes off the road while *they wrestle with radio controls at* knee height is quite frightening.

Facelift for the Renault 25: the new bonnet, grille, headlamps, bumpers and mouldings give a sleeker look

ROADWISE

■ The message that women drivers, in particular, find the steering of even small cars too heavy at parking speeds is getting through to car-makers. Once the preserve of only the most expensive versions, power-*assisted steering is becoming* available on an increasing number of cars. Mazda now includes power steering in the improved specification of the 323 Javelin models.

A third of Renault 5 automatic buyers opt for power steering. Now the R5GTX (manual transmission) is available with power steering for an extra £300.

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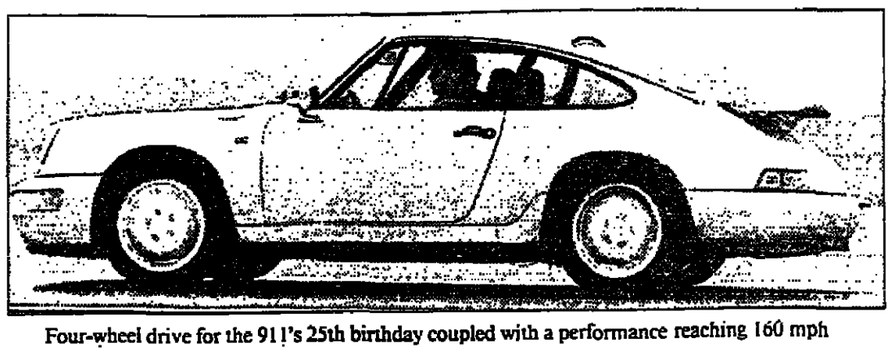

Four-wheel drive for the 911's 25th birthday coupled with a performance reaching 160 mph

The 911 shatters tradition

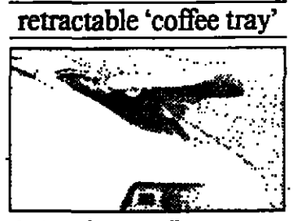
Four-wheel drive and a retractable 'coffee tray'

The Porsche rear-engined 911 is to many Porsche enthusiasts what the Stuttgart marque is all about — super fast sportscars for macho people possessing the high level of skills necessary to pilot a car with such quirky handling. The inference is that a 911 is definitely not for the average driver, however big his or her bank roll, *writes Clifford Webb.*

But now the factory has come up with a near heretical development: a four-wheel drive 911. Gone will be the tendency for the car to have a mind of its own, the sudden heart-in-mouth slide in the wet and the snaking under full acceleration.

Spreading the power over four fat tyres instead of two will not only ensure that the power is transferred to the road and not wasted in wheelspin but will also impart a degree of stability during cornering that is definitely *not* 911.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the 911's birth and Porsche could not have found a more fitting way of celebrating it than by giving the 911 the benefit of its race technology. In any case, the company will continue to produce the two-wheel drive version for the diehards.


A stowed rear spoiler now pops up automatically at 50 mph

The new 911 Carrera 4 also gets an even more powerful version of the famous flat six-cylinder "Boxer" engine. Enlarged from 3.2 to 3.6 litres, it produces 250 bhp giving a 0-62 mph time of 5.9 secs and a maximum speed of 161 mph.

Purists will be delighted that the newcomer does not have a huge "coffee tray" rear spoiler to diminish its graceful line. Instead, it has a retractable spoiler which lies flat until the car reaches 50 mph and then lifts automatically into place.

***Sadly, the 4x4 911 does not go* into production until spring and will not reach Britain before next summer.**

However, this autumn sees the start of production of a new 911 Speedster, the first to bear that name since 1958. Based on the current 911 Carrera with the turbo body and running gear, only 40 Speedsters will be sold in Britain.

Production of Porsche's entry-level model, the 924, has ceased. From September 1, the cheapest Porsche will be the 944 manual costing £25,990. Its four-cylinder engine has been enlarged from 2.5 to 2.7 litres.

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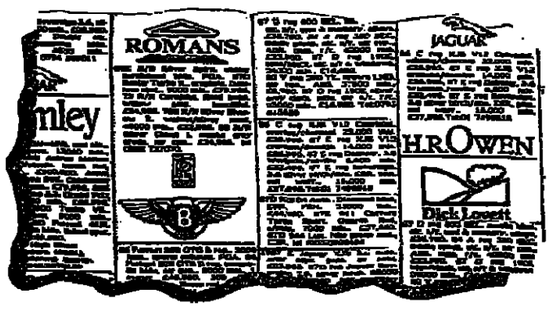

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MOTORCYCLING

Scot must exceed his form to win

By Michael Scott

The British Motorcycle Grand Prix at Donington Park, sponsored by Shell Oils, on Sunday is the twelfth in a series of 16 races. If the others are anything to go by, the chances of a European victory are virtually zero; the premier-class 500cc race will be won by an American or an Australian.

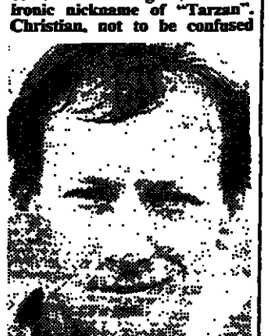
Of course, if victories were that easy to predict, it would not be necessary to run the contests, and racing at home always gives added impetus. Thus the top Briton, Niall Mackenzie, a Scot, may exceed his form and take his first grand prix win at home. It would be the first British win since Barry Sheene's in 1981.

Mackenzie's works Honda, sponsored by HB Cigarettes, is the equal of the world champion Wayne Gardner's Rothmans-sponsored machine. But misfortunes like two engine seizures in the last two races have made Mackenzie eighth in the championship, and even Gardner, the Australian, is something of an outsider, having won only three of 11 races.

The rival Yamahas have taken the upper hand in the technical battle between the two dominant Japanese rivals and even the newly returned Pepsi-Suzuki team has managed two wins through the Texan, Kevin Schwantz.

Those seeking a safer bet to upset the American-Australian domination will look instead to the Frenchman, Christian Sarron, a former 250 world champion, whose mount is a V4 Yamaha YZR, like that of the championship leader, Eddie Lawson, of California.

Sarron, aged 33, from Clermont Ferrand, is a slight and somewhat elfin figure, with the ironic nickname of "Tarzan". Christian, not to be confused



Christian Sarron: 'Tarzan'

with younger brother, Dominique, a 250-class competitor, lies fourth overall and was the last European to win a 500-class grand prix in Germany in 1985. That, however, was in the rain, and in dry conditions the Frenchman has shown himself more likely to crash than to win. But he swears he has turned over a new leaf and is riding in a consciously more relaxed manner.

Two consecutive races without a crash back up his claim — he was second in both of them. But if there is a question about his ability to finish a race, there can be little doubt that he has the potential to win, for in spite of his avowed relaxed approach Sarron has shown himself the fastest rider this year.

His Yamaha, finished in the dashing French racing-blue livery of his Gauloise sponsors, has started the last five races from pole position and,although he has set only one new lap record and one wet-weather fastest lap in the contest proper, practice laps are invariably faster than race laps.

But tactics and the will towin are also important, the latter being a prime quality of the Americans and the notably gritty Australian pair of Gardner and the newcomer Kevin Magee (Lucky Strike Yamaha), who has already scored his first win in only his first season.

Riding the fastest may not be enough and in the final analysis Sarron has only an equal chance to Mackenzie to usher in a new era of European racing victories.

Women banking on lightweight gift

The British women's coxed fours Olympic rowing team yesterday launched a new boat which could save them vital seconds in Seoul (Louise Taylor writes). Provided by the sponsors, Hill Samuel, the merchant bankers, the boat replaces a heavier, out-dated two-year-old model.

"The new boat might just make a second or two difference in their performance and that could be sufficient to fulfil their ambition of making it to the last six, which would mean they were in the final in Korea," Stephen Gunn, the team coach, said.

With an average weight of around 11 stone, the crew is on the light side, and Gunn said: "The boat is the size for them, it's very responsive and above all it represents a big psychological boost. Another bonus is that they've got plenty of time to get used to it."

The photograph shows (left to right) the women in action on the Thames near Molesey boat club, Surrey yesterday: Sue Smith (stroke), Jo Gough (three), Kate Grose (two), Fiona Johnstone (bow), and Alison Norrish (cox, hidden from view).

(Photograph: Bryn Colton)

YACHTING

British not so well prepared

From Barry Pickthall, Honolulu

While crews prepared for the possibility of Hurricane Fabio disrupting the third inshore race of the Kenwood Cup yesterday as it swept across the Pacific towards Hawaii, the British team, lying fifth overall in this ocean-racing series, is left reflecting on the lack of preparation given to this event.

The three-crew team led by Robin Aisher arrived in Hawaii five days before the series began with high hopes of success but find themselves wanting in the areas of boat speed, tactics and, in some cases, application.

Any chance of a respectable performance was lost when the British team, made up of Juno, Indulgence and Yeoman XXVII, finished second to last in the 150-mile, triple-point-scoring Molokai race earlier this week. Tales of bad luck were shared by all teams but the success achieved by the Australians, whose teams took the top three places, appears to have been born of hard work and not the wheel of fortune.

Alan Brown, manager of the three Australian teams contesting this premier series, confirmed yesterday that his nine-yacht group arrived here four days before the British and sailed the Molokai course at night before our crews had given any thought of setting their sails.

Britain's three skippers, Aisher, Eddie Warden Owen and Andrew Hurst, declined to follow the same advice given by their own coach, Bill Edgerton. "I believe we're the best prepared here," Brown said of his Australians yesterday, adding: "And sailing the Molokai course beforehand — just as the New Zealand winners did two years ago — gave us the chance to compare notes."

Just before the start, Brown sent his navigators in a helicopter to help them judge the conditions over the initial stages of the race after the team had completed their daily 6 a.m. run around the local Alo Moana park.

Brown has taken a leaf from the New Zealanders' book on preparation. The Kiwis spent four weeks training in the Solent and English Channel before leaving Britain in their wake and carrying off the Admiral's Cup last summer.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Fifth Cornhill Test Match
11.0, 90 overs minimum
THE OVAL: England v West Indies.

Britannic Assurance Championship
11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0 (or 102 overs)
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Leicestershire.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Essex.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Surrey.
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Hampshire.
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.

Tour match
11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0
SLEAFORD: Minor Counties v Sri Lankans.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Derby: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire; Romford: Essex v Sussex; Southampton: Hampshire v Kent; Old Trafford: Lancashire v Surrey; Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire; Harrow CC: Middlesex v Northamptonshire; Taunton: Somerset v Gloucestershire.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Eastern division: Lakenham: Norfolk v Durham. Western division: Dorchester: Dorset v Berkshire.

TRY THIS

BRITISH KART GRAND PRIX: Karting has provided the schooling for many racing drivers, and Formula One drivers such as Nigel Mansell and Ayrton Senna started their careers in karts. At Silverstone this weekend the circuit hosts the British Grand Prix. These racing machines may be small but they are fast; the top 250cc Formula E class, the equivalent of Formula One cars, can achieve speeds of 150 m.p.h., exhilarating when considering engine power to weight ratio, no suspension and that the driving position is so close to the ground. Tomorrow's racing comprises the opening round of the CIK world championship for Formula E and heats for the five grand prix classes, with the finals on Sunday.

Concluding the action tomorrow is the final round of the 1988 RACMSA Cadet series championship, the eight to 12-year-old category. The youngsters will race over a specially designed 652m course in karts powered by a 60cc two-stroke engine, with a centrifugal clutch which means no gear changes, reaching speeds of 45 m.p.h.

How to get there: Silverstone Circuit, Nr Towcester, Northamptonshire (Tel 0327-857271) is on the A43 between Towcester and Brackley. Nearest railway stations are Northampton and Milton Keynes. Admission is £2 tomorrow and £5.50 on Sunday for adults. Children aged 15 and under and parking are free. Practice and racing starts at 9 a.m. tomorrow and on Sunday, the first race is at 11.40 a.m.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Kodak/TSB Olympic trials (Birmingham).
BOWLS: Bournemouth open tournament; Scottish national championships (Glasgow).
CYCLING: BCF National track championships (Leicester); Sheffield city centre race.
GLIDING: Regional championships (Sutton Bank, North Yorkshire).
GOLF: Benson and Hedges international (Fulford); British Seniors amateur championship (Royal Burgess and Bruntsfield); English girls championship (Long Ashton); British boys internationals (Formby).
MOTORCYCLING: Shell Oils British Grand Prix meeting (Donington).
POLO: National 15-goal handicap tournament (Cirencester).
SPEEDWAY: Matches at Hackney, Belle Vue, Edinburgh, Glasgow.
SWIMMING: Esso National age group championships (Coventry).
YACHTING: Cowes week.

SPORT ON TV

ATHLETICS: ITV 10.35-11.35 p.m.: Kodak/TSB AAA/WAAA championships and Olympic trials: Coverage from the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham.
BASEBALL 1988: ITV 4-5 a.m. (tomorrow): Montreal v Cincinnati.
CRICKET: BBC2 10.55 a.m.-1.05 p.m., 1.35-6.10 p.m. (includes golf). Highlights: 11.15 p.m. BBC1 1.50-4.10 p.m.: Fifth Cornhill Test match: England v West Indies from the Oval.
GOLF: BBC2 1.35-6.10 (includes cricket): Benson and Hedges international: Coverage of the second round from Fulford.

RUGBY LEAGUE

New chair for the chairman

By Keith Macklin

Bob Ashby, the outgoing chairman of the Rugby League, was appointed the first chairman of the newly formed board of directors of the sport yesterday.

Ashby, who will serve for three years, is aged 52 is president of Featherstone Rovers.

Another appointment announced yesterday was that of president of the Rugby League Council, which will be the link between the full council and the executive board of directors. The first incumbent of the office is Les Bettinson, of Salford, who was manager of the Great Britain team during the recent Australasian tour.

● Within 24 hours of announcing that the Australian captain, Wally Lewis, would not be coming to England, Wakefield Trinity have secured the services of the Paramatta stand-off half, Steve Ella.

HOCKEY

Writers name the players of the season

Jon Potter, of Hounslow, and Barbara Hambly, the Great Britain captain, have been voted players of the year for 1987-88 by members of the Hockey Writers' Club. The awards are sponsored by Norwich Union.

Potter, who won a bronze medal at the 1984 Olympics, was an automatic choice for Seoul as a wing half. He has made 102 international appearances, 43 for England and 59 for Great Britain.

Hambly will receive her rose bowl during the Lada Classic tournament at Luton, from August 19 to 21, together with £100 to be donated to a hockey cause of her choice.

RACING

Cecil achieves 13th consecutive juvenile success with double

Henry Cecil's double with Galliari and Priceless Pearl at Yarmouth yesterday maintained the champion trainer's splendid sequence of having won with his last 13 two-year-old runners.

Steve Cauthen led all the way on Galliari, a $280,000 Keeneland purchase by Charles St George, to win the About Anglia Maiden Stakes by four lengths from newcomer Musaahim.

Cecil, who was repeating his success in the event last year with Salse, said: "I think it was a good performance by Galliari, for the second is rated a good horse and Steve never had to pick up his mount".

Cauthen had even more of an armchair ride on the 9-1 on favourite Priceless Pearl, who won the EBF Scroby Sands Maiden Fillies Stakes in an exercise canter. She was in front all the way with Cauthen not moving a muscle, and won by a facile 2½ lengths from Elegant Rose.

Priceless Pearl was bred by her owner Sheikh Mohammed and Cecil said: "There is a long way still to go but I am hopeful she could develop into a contender for the group three Hoover Fillies Mile at Ascot towards the end of September."

The Mick Ryan-trained Merchant's Dream, who ended Cold Marble's run of four wins in the Freddie Starr Handicap, will next be seen out over hurdles.

It was three weeks ago that Merchant's Dream gave his Norfolk owners, Michael Baxter and John Medler, their first success on their local course. A half a mile out on this occasion they could not have held up much hope, because the gelding was under pressure from Gary Bardwell.

Cold Marble took up the running going to the three-furlong marker, but then Merchant's Dream began to pick up and he took the measure of the favourite just inside the final furlong to beat him 1½ lengths.

The defeat of Cold Marble, attempting to concede 18lb to Merchant's Dream, robbed Willie Haggas of a double. He captured the City Of Norwich Claiming Stakes with the favourite Al Khaled who, taking over in the lead when pace-making French King pulled up lame, won by three lengths from Hard To Come By and Sunfleet.

Al Khaled was Haggas's first winner for Sheikh Amin Dahlawi, for whom he also has a couple of two-year-olds.

Just Jennings came away from Windatum and Aquarian Prince after racing in line with the pair half a furlong out to land the Pointmaster Handicap by a length. So Geoff Lewis had a rare winner at the seaside course. The only other winner the Epsom trainer has had at Yarmouth was Who's Zoomin' Who in a seller two years ago.

Gabina in line for tilt against Warning

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Deauville

Gabina, partnered by Eric Legrix, sprang a 14-1 surprise in Deauville's first pattern race of the season, the £23,250 Prix D'Astarte (one mile) yesterday.

Jacky Cunnington's daughter of Caro quickened well to lead inside the final furlong, eventually finishing 2½ lengths clear of the favourite, Lyphka.

The former Henry Cecil-trained Bluebook finished fifth, and was doing all her best work at the end of the race.

However, she proved a handful for Tony Cruz, racing with her head to one side, and there is evidently still some work to be done on this temperamental filly.

The winner will now take on much stiffer opposition, in the shape of Miesque, Soviet Star and Warning, in the Prix Jacques le Marois.

The listed Prix Yacowlef (six furlongs), for unraced two-year-olds, is usually won by a high-class animal, and this year's winner, Goldneyev (Gary Moore), may turn out to be something special.

A Nureyev half-brother to Riviere D'Or, Goldneyev struck the front inside the final furlong, and strode clear of Lightning Fire, eventually winning easing down by 2½ lengths.

Skiary completes Starkey's sorry day

Greville Starkey, Britain's senior jockey, must have wished he had stayed in bed yesterday, for at Brighton he rode four strongly fancied favourites — and all were trounced.

His miserable day started in the first race when Starkey's mount, the 15-8 on favourite Elenos, was caught close home by 40-1 shot Seldom Blue.

The tale of woe continued when Letsbeonestaboutit, 6-4 favourite in the seller, virtually refused to race and then Rana Pratap could never strike a blow in the George Robey Challenge Trophy.

Worse was to come. Starkey set a blistering gallop on 11-8 favourite Skiary in the Cliftonville Maiden Stakes and was soon 15 lengths clear of the pack. However, these bold tactics backfired too.

Guy Harwood's filly, runner-up in her previous four races, became desperately leg weary in the final furlong was quickly overtaken by eventual winner, Icecapped, and 66-1 shot Shikabell.

Bruce Raymond, for more than 20 years a weighing room colleague, rode his first winner since 1984 for Michael Stoute when playing a masterly game of waiting in front on High Bailiff in the George Robey Chalenge Handicap.

Dictating just the pace he required, Raymond made all and kept just enough up his sleeve to hold off Hooray lady and Welsh Pageantry in a triple three-way photo which gave Stoute his 50th winner of the season.

Results from yesterday's four meetings

Brighton

Going: firm

2.0 (7f) 1, SELDOM BLUE (P Cook, 40-1); 2, Elenos (G Starkey, 8-15 fav); 3, Marabeau Special (G Duffield, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 French Pretender, 12 Tubs Indispensible, 16 Garth Lady (4th), 40 Hizeem, 50 Domelexta (6th), 66 Atlantic Cedar (5th). 9 ran. ¾l, 2l, ½l, 5l, 6l. N Vigors at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £21.70; £3.50, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £15.40. CSF: £57.93. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

2.30 (5f) 1, LADY KEYSER (W Carson, 9-2); 2, Ever Reckless (P Cook, 9-1); 3, Tumblelong (P Hamblett, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Letsbeonestaboutit (6th), 9-2 Runnett For Cash (4th), 15-2 No More Mas (5th), 33 Nice Catch. 7 ran. 2½l, 2l, 2l, 6l, 1l. P Felden at Newmarket. Tote: £4.20; £1.80, £3.10. DF: £10.10. CSF: £37.65. Sold to George Scudder Ltd for 5,000gns.

3.0 (6f) 1, GALLANT HOPE (W Carson, 5-1); 2, Careless Whisper (N Day, 11-1); 3, Pick Of The Pack (G Starkey, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Indian Jubilee (5th), 5 Abethalic (4th), 8 Erwin Bach, 9 Green Dollar, 10 Idrak, 12 April Fool (6th), 20 Libra's Comet. 10 ran. Hd, 2l, 1¾l, 2½l, hd. L Cottrell at Cullompton. Tote: £5.00; £1.50, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £34.20. CSF: £55.25. Tricast: £291.36.

3.30 (1m 2f) 1, HIGH BAILIFF (B Raymond, 4-1); 2, Hooray Lady (T Williams, 7-2 jt-fav); 3, Welsh Pageantry (W Newnes, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Rana Pratap (5th), 5 Castle Heights, 6 Fleet Special (6th), 12 Mainwaring (4th). 7 ran. Sh hd, nk, 3l, 2l, sh hd. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £4.80; £2.30, £2.30. DF: £6.50. CSF: £16.79.

4.0 (1m 4f) 1, ICECAPPED (E Johnson, 11-4); 2, Shikabell (C McNamee, 66-1); 3, Skiary (G Starkey, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Old Kilpatrick (5th), 13-2 Frosty Reception (5th), 14 Country Damsel, 66 Endless Gossip (4th), Communidata Lad. 8 ran. 1l, 3l, 1l, nk, 30l. J Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £7.90, £1.10. DF: £114.30. CSF: £85.89.

4.30 (5f) 1, P J KELLY (N Day, 20-1); 2, Grand Prix (G Starkey, 11-2); 3, Sunseal (S Whitworth, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Awa'Wi'Ye (4th), 9-2 Tylers Wood (5th), 11-2 Chain Shot (6th), 8 Florentynna Bay, 16 Miss Wesley, 20 Scarring Gizmo, 33 Portfield Lady. 10 ran. NR: Count Me Out. 2l, 1l, 1½l, nk, 3l. D Laing at Lambourn. Tote: £13.90; £3.00, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £59.20. CSF: £116.55. Tricast: £634.65.

Placepot: £165.50

Yarmouth

Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m 2f) 1, AL KHALED (M Hills, 5-2 fav); 2, Hard To Come By (M Roberts, 5-1); 3, Sunfleet (S Cauthen, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 6 Martin Dancer (4th), 12 Uncle Bucky (5th), Pride Of Kirby, 20 French King (pu), 33 Connie Pearson (6th), Fantasque. 9 ran. 3l, nk, 2l, 2l, 1l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £7.20. CSF: £13.41.

2.45 (1m) 1, SPECIAL RESERVE (M Roberts, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Old Park Lane (J Carter, 33-1); 3, I'm Bananas (G Bardwell, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Mascalls Girl (6th), 9-2 West Leat, 15-2 Miller's Gift (4th), 12 Pipers Enterprise, Stanford Boy (5th), Pull Through, 20 Chesapeake City, 25 Springhousedress, 33 Malachi Lad, Lady Hunter. 13 ran. 4l, ½l, 1l, 1l, 3l. P Haslam at Newmarket. Tote: £3.60; £1.20, £32.80, £3.00. DF: £824.30. CSF: £104.42. Tricast: £1,101.42. Bought in 1,300gns.

3.15 (1m 6f) 1, MERCHANT'S DREAM (G Bardwell, 4-1); 2, Cold Marble (Dale Gibson, 5-4 fav); 3, All Is Revealed (S Cauthen, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 16 Alrazzi (5th), 20 Stag Palour (4th). 5 ran. 1l, 8l, ½l, 5l. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £3.40. CSF: £8.64.

3.45 (7f) 1, GALLIARI (S Cauthen, 4-5 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's map); 2, Musaahim (R Hills, 11-2); 3, Lawhill (M Roberts, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Fisherman's Croft (6th), 10 Charly O'Brian, 16 Mohammed El-Sahn (4th), 33 Chart Cross, Mafaza (5th). 8 ran. NR: Greenwich Pavillion, Peligroso. 4l, 1½l, hd, 1l, 1½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £4.90. CSF: £5.92.

4.15 (6f) 1, JUST JENNINGS (Paul Eddery, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Windatum (S Cauthen, 11-2); 3, Aquarian Prince (P Robinson, 9-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Helen Hotel (6th), 10 Empress Kim, Summer Eve (4th), 12 Hajjar, Wilcot, 20 Batchworth Heath, 33 Henry Williams (5th). 10 ran. NR: My Diamond Ring. 1l, 2½l, 1½l, 1½l, nk. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £5.40; £1.80, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £10.70. CSF: £24.87. Tricast: £88.79.

4.45 (7f) 1, PRICELESS PEARL (S Cauthen, 1-9 fav); 2, Elegant Rose (A Mackay, 16-1); 3, La Keradle (W Hood, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Norbilla (4th). 4 ran. NR: Majestical Empress. 2½l, 2½l, 8l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.16.

Placepot: £9.40

Pontefract

Going: firm

2.45 (1m) 1, Onika (W Litwin, 25-1); 2, Chiming Melody (16-1); 3, Eranthe (25-1). English Mint 13-8 fav. 12 ran. nk, 2½l. C Wall. Tote: £53.50; £9.80, £3.80, £5.50. DF: £116.70. CSF: £322.76. Tricast: £8,727.50.

3.15 (1m 4f) 1, Vageq (M Fry, 4-1); 2, Arum Lily (Evens fav); 3, Dick Knight (100-30). 10 ran. NR: Capagenie. 5l, 5l. P Calver. Tote: £5.50; £1.40, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £5.50. CSF: £8.38. Sold C Tinkler senior, 5,200gns.

3.45 (1m) 1, Shadow Minster (W R Swinburn, 11-8 fav); 2, Birstwith (6-1); 3, Tawnais (25-1). 7 ran. NR: Spanish Pine. 2½l, nk. M Stoute. Tote: £2.10; £1.70, £2.20. DF: £5.00. CSF: £9.30. Tricast: £119.86.

4.15 (6f) 1, Marionella (M Birch, Evens fav); 2, Honey Boy Simba (8-1); 3, Beacaby Boy (10-1). 8 ran. 3l, 2½l. M H Easterby. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £5.80. CSF: £10.06. Tricast: £32.37. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, Light Of Hope (A Clark, 4-9 fav; Michael Seely's map); 2, Bebil (4-1); 3, Artistic Licence (14-1). 9 ran. 2½l, 1l. G Harwood. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.60.

5.15 (5f) 1, Sigama (S Perks, 10-1); 2, Maradit (Pat Eddery, 11-8 fav); 3, Princess Accord (11-1). 9 ran. ½l, 1l. F Lee. Tote: £6.20; £1.10, £1.10, £2.80. DF: £5.80. CSF: £16.52. Imbalana, (8-2) was withdrawn not under orders: rule 4 applies to all bets, a 15p deduction in the pound.

5.45 (6f) 1, Gentleascki (P Burke, 7-1); 2, Zilebeke (16-1); 3, Roker Roar (11-1); 4, Sully's Choice (9-1). Stravejan 9-2 fav. 3l, sh hd. 16 NR: Harry Hull, Emerald Royale. Tote: £8.20; £1.90, £3.90, £2.60, £2.20. DF: £99.00. CSF: £105.89. Tricast: £110.234.

Placepot: £87.10.

Devon & Exeter

Going: good to firm

2.0 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Star Of Kuwait (P Scudamore, 8-11 fav); 2, Roy Prince (10-1); 3, Royal Gurkha (100-30). 12 ran. NR: Darlin' Again. 15l, 1½l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £2.50, £1.40. DF: £7.90. CSF: £8.88.

2.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Can't Disclose (R Guest, 2-1); 2, Crook N Honest (4-1); 3, Mr Majinty (25-1). Famous Lad 6-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Bold Answer. 3l, 15l. S Dow. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £2.40. DF: £4.60. CSF: £9.01.

3.0 (2m 1f ch) 1, Godfather's Gift (B Powell, 13-2); 2, Lysithea (16-1); 3, Pelle Close (7-1). 8 ran. Storm Guard 6 Arbitrage 5-2 jt-favs. NR: Kuwait Star. 12l, sh hd. G Ham. Tote: £5.40; £1.40, £3.60, £1.60. DF: £34.70. CSF: £81.54.

3.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Solstice Bell (M Furlong, 9-2); 2, Celsius (4-7 fav); 3, Annaben (12-1). 8 ran. NR: Jolly Less. 15l, 4l. R Voorspuy. Tote: £5.50; £1.10, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £2.30. CSF: £7.28.

4.0 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Brent Riverside (R Guest, 9-2); 2, Milford Quay (11-2); 3, Peche D'Or (21-20 fav). 10 ran. 2l, 7l. G Balding. Tote: £6.80; £2.20, £2.30, £1.30. DF: £17.90. CSF: £28.56. Tricast: £40.69.

4.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, Scots Lad (R Stronge, 8-1); 2, Grey Tarquin (16-1); 3, Purston Star (16-1). Royal Reply 9-4 fav. 8 ran. 12l, 10l. D Jermy. Tote: £8.80; £2.30, £4.00, £2.00. DF: £76.00. CSF: £97.70. Tricast: £1,773.54.

Placepot: £129.30.

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Auditor's duty to shareholders does not include potential investors

Caparo Industries plc v Dickman and Others

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Bingham and Lord Justice Taylor
[Judgment July 29]

The auditor of a public company owed individual shareholders a duty to exercise reasonable care in carrying out his audit and making his audit report as required under section 236 of the Companies Act 1985; but that duty of care did not extend to any potential investors.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice O'Connor dissenting in part) so held in reserved judgments when it allowed the appeal of the plaintiffs, Caparo Industries plc, from the decision of Sir Neil Lawson, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, at the trial of a preliminary issue on December 15, 1987, when he held that the third defendants, Touche Ross & Co, did not owe the plaintiffs a duty of care as potential investors in Fidelity plc nor was any such duty owed to the plaintiffs as shareholders.

The facts as pleaded were that on June 8, 1984, the plaintiffs purchased 100,000 Fidelity shares in the open market, and on June 12, the date on which the accounts, audited by the third defendants, for the period ended March 31, 1984, were issued, a further 50,000 shares. Relying on information in the accounts, further shares were acquired.

On October 25, the plaintiffs announced that they owned or had received acceptances amounting to 91.8 per cent of the issued shares and subsequently compulsorily acquired the balance.

The plaintiffs contended that the third defendants, in carrying out their functions as auditors and certifiers of the accounts of Fidelity in April and March 1984, owed a duty of care to investors and potential investors in respect of the audit and certification of the accounts; that they ought to have known that in March 1984 a Press release stated that profits for the financial year would fall significantly short of £2.2 million, that Fidelity's share price fell almost by a half between March and April 1984 and that it required financial assistance.

Therefore, the third defendants ought to have foreseen Fidelity was vulnerable to a take-over bid, persons such as the plaintiffs might well rely on the accounts in deciding whether to take over and might well suffer loss if the accounts were inaccurate.

Mr Christopher Bathurst, QC and Mr Michael Brindle for the plaintiffs; Mr Peter Goldsmith, QC and Mr Stephen Moriarty for the third defendants; the first and second defendants did not appear.

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that at the heart of the present case lay the role of the statutory auditor, a role without close analogy. Its peculiar characteristics derived from the nature of the public limited liability company, owned by its members and shareholders.

The appointment of the auditor, whose duties included investigation and forming an opinion on the adequacy of a company's accounting records and returns, was made by the shareholders in general meeting: section 384 of the 1985 Act.

The primary duty in and about the preparation of accounts was that of the directors, and they had other statutory duties. The auditor's role was secondary and accessory: his task was to vet the accounts.

The 1985 Act showed a plain parliamentary intention that shareholders in a public company should receive independent and reliable information on the company's financial standing.

In his Lordship's view, those statutory requirements were designed, in part at least, to fortify confidence in the holding of shares as a medium of investment by enabling shareholders to make informed investment decisions.

The additional requirement that such accounts were available for inspection by members of the public was imposed, in part, to protect those dealing with the company as, for example, contracting parties, creditors or lenders, and, in part, to enable prospective investors, like shareholders, to make informed decisions.

It was common ground that an auditor owed a duty to the company to exercise reasonable care and skill in conducting the audit and making the audit report; that duty was plainly implied into the contract between auditor and company.

As to whether the auditor owed any, and if so what, duty of care to individual investors, the answer lay in applying the three requirements to be satisfied, as established by the many decided cases, namely, foreseeability, proximity and whether it was just and reasonable for the court to impose such a duty.

The parties accepted that economic loss to the plaintiffs as shareholders was foreseeable by the auditors as a result of any failure to exercise reasonable care in conducting their audit and reporting to the shareholders.

On the issue of proximity, the plaintiffs contended that relations between auditor and shareholder were both close and direct; a lack of care would would directly affect the very person whose interests the auditor was engaged to protect.

The auditors contended that the law treated negligent words differently from negligent acts; it was necessary to establish that a closer proximity existed between the parties before a duty of care could arise than was required where physical injury or damage was in issue: *Hedley Byrne & Co Ltd v Heller & Partners Ltd* ([1964] AC 465);

Further, the touchstone of proximity in cases such as the present was the voluntary assumption of direct responsibility — in the present case, to the plaintiffs as shareholders — in circumstances equivalent to contract.

His Lordship said that it was only too easy to be mesmerised by expressions used in other cases which, however apt in those cases, provided no universally applicable yardstick; the language used guided but did not govern.

The auditors knew that the end-product of their audit was a report to shareholders on which they knew any shareholder might rely. It would be surprising if in those circumstances the auditors were said not voluntarily to have assumed a responsibility to each shareholder.

As between shareholders as a class and the auditor, the relationship seemed to be very close to contract; his contract was with the company, but it was a contract made on the company's behalf by the shareholders, and his fee was paid out of company funds otherwise available for distribution to the shareholders. The relationship between auditor and individual shareholder was less close but not critically so, in his Lordship's view.

The class of shareholders to whom an auditor reported was not indeterminate; the composition of the class changed but its members could at any instant be precisely defined.

In the light of the many authorities cited, his Lordship was left in no doubt but that there was a sufficiently proximate relationship between the auditor and shareholder to sustain a duty of care which it was otherwise right to impose.

On the question whether it was just and reasonable to impose such a duty, his Lordship had reached certain conclusions:

1 An auditor's removal gave no adequate redress to a shareholder who suffered loss through his negligence.

2 Given the duty which already existed, recognition of a duty to individual shareholders would not lead to any significant change in audit practice; nor would it lead to competent accountants declining work, at any rate unless there were comparable alternative work available which did not expose them to potential liability.

3 If any action were undertaken it would probably be brought if at all by one large shareholder, as in the present case, or by a handful of large shareholders. Quantification of damage would not be more problematical than in many tortious situations, and the odds were that any error would come to light fairly soon.

4 The shareholder's claim would, ordinarily, be very hard to establish; as in any other claim of professional negligence, the claimant had to show a failure to exercise the ordinary skill of an ordinary competent man exercising his particular art: *Bolam v Frien Hospital Management Committee* ([1957] 1 WLR 582).

Further, the shareholder would have to show that he relied on the auditor's report, and, moreover, he would have to prove damage; that he could do only if the negligence complained of had had a significant effect on the share price. Not every oversight, even if negligent, would have that effect.

If a shareholder could prove those matters, and not many claims would fulfil such stringent requirements, it was just and reasonable for him to obtain redress. A decision in principle in favour of the plaintiffs would not lead to an uncontrollable inrush of claims.

On the assumption that the plaintiffs were not shareholders, the relationship between the auditors and the company was very much less proximate than that of auditor and shareholder.

The auditor was not engaged to report to such a buyer even though it was known that the report was available for his inspection; the relationship fell far short of contract, and the nexus or link between them was tenuous; it did not satisfy the more stringent standards required of negligent misstatement.

Nor was his Lordship persuaded that it would be just and reasonable, or politic, that the law should be extended so as to impose a duty when no more was shown than the facts pleaded.

Having considered authorities both in English law and other common law jurisdictions, and the auditors' contention that it would be absurd for the important issue of duty or no duty to turn on the holding of a single share, his Lordship concluded that the mass of investors in public companies held more than a single share.

Once multiple shareholding was accepted as the norm, it did not seem absurd that the issue should turn on whether a party misled did or did not belong to the specific class to whom the auditor was engaged to report.

Lord Justice Taylor delivered a concurring judgment.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that if one assumed that auditors knew, as a result of their professional skill and experience, that the state of the company was such that a take-over bid might be made, that knowledge alone, if a bid was made, did not create a sufficient proximity between bidder and auditor to impose a duty of care on the auditor.

There had to be something linking the auditor to the person relying on his certificate other than knowledge that some person, or persons, might rely on the certificate.

In the present case, if one disregarded the fact that the plaintiffs were shareholders, his Lordship was satisfied on the facts pleaded that the third defendants did not owe them any duty of care.

Although auditors were employed by the particular company, the provisions of the 1985 Act focused on the report which they were required to make to the shareholders.

The statutory duty owed to shareholders was, in his Lordship's view, owed to them as a body or class, and the duty should not extend to an individual save as a member of the class in respect of some class activity.

Buying shares in a company was not such an activity; selling them might be for only a shareholder could sell shares.

Having considered the statutory duty of auditors to shareholders, there was no reason to impose any wider duty at common law; on the facts, something more was required to create the necessary linkage.

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Shining Steel to confirm potential

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Although it is early days to be talking about next year's Derby, the word from Newmarket is that visitors to Lingfield Park today could well see Henry Cecil's principal hope for the Epsom classic in action when Shining Steel contests the Oliver and Graimes Graduation Stakes over seven furlongs.

What I find particularly gratifying is the fact that this unbeaten colt by Kris has not frightened away the opposition the way his elder half-brother Pharoah's Pride did 12 months ago.

On that occasion, his starting price — 7-2 on — reflected the strength of the opposition.

But with Polar Run, Isnad and Sylvan Tempest also all standing their ground today, we are assured of both a stronger betting market and a better race.

Like Shining Steel, See You Then's $425,000 half-brother, Polar Run, is also unbeaten, having succeeded by four lengths at Newbury last month, the only time he has been seen in public.

What I find fascinating is Guy Harwood's decision to take on Shining Steel with Polar Run because he has a prime line to the Cecil colt through another of his two-year-olds, Elenos, who was a bit of a disappointment, to put it mildly, at Brighton yesterday.

Although Isnad did not win his first race, he soon made up for lost time when he bolted home by five lengths at Ripon. That performance simply bore out the promise that he had shown first time out at Newmarket where he finished third behind those other highly rated individuals, Chief's Image and Danehill.

While Sylvan Tempest's form at Sandown and Epsom

John Benstead: runs fancied Wykehamist at Lingfield

in the spring suggested he is not to be trifled with either, even in this company, I will still be bitterly disappointed if Shining Steel fails to enhance his reputation, and he is my nap.

The Cementone-Beaver Handicap can go to John Benstead's Wykehamist now that he is running over 10 furlongs again.

I was impressed by the way that he dealt with Fast Chick over this course and distance early last month. Afterwards, he could finish only third at Sandown but that race was over only a mile.

At Redcar, a victory for Major Ivor in the Pat Phoenix Handicap at the start of the programme will simply draw attention to the chance that Cumbrian Express has of winning the John Smith's Bitter Handicap an hour later.

For the two were third and fourth respectively behind the redoubtable Chaplins Club on the same course 10 days ago

In my opinion, Cumbrian Express will relish this drop in distance.

At Newmarket this evening, it will be interesting to see how that versatile seven-year-old Swingit Gunner, who has not raced since he contested the Champion Hurdle, fares in the Headland Overseas Properties Handicap.

For his sights are basically set on the Tote-Ebor at York. In this instance, the in-form In Dreams looks the better bet.

His jockey Steve Cauthen also has a good chance of winning the Lloyd and McCarthy Handicap on Retrieve.

At the end of the programme, the champion jockey will be expected to extend Henry Cecil's fine run with his two-year-olds by also winning the EBF Isleham Maiden Stakes on another promising newcomer, Tessla.

But here I marginally prefer Guy Harwood's runner, Enigma.

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD: 2.0 Cetong; 2.35 Pernula, Stoke Pero; 3.5 Landski, Tickle Trap. REDCAR: 3.15 Granicus, Mere Melody, Pampered Dream; 3.45 Father Kelly; 4.15 Gushy. HAYDOCK: 7.0 Miss Rossetti; 8.0 Wentbridge Girl. NEWMARKET: 6.25 Nobon; 6.55 Rinnera Scene.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Lovely Ears.
2.35 Jay Gee.
3.05 Wykehamist.
3.35 SHINING STEEL (nap).
4.05 Maiden Bidder.
4.35 Belle Enfant.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 —
2.35 Pernula.
3.05 —
3.35 SHINING STEEL (nap).
4.05 —
4.35 Zamzam.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.35 Shining Steel.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f-7f, high numbers best**

2.0 ADVERTISING BUREAU NURSERY (Handicap: 2-Y-O: £2,595: 5f) (9 runners)

101 (6) 1120 MISTER LAWSON 10 (CD,F) (P Bonner) P Mitchell 9-7 ... S O'Gorman (7) 88
103 (8) 31030 HARD TO FIGURE 8 (G,D) (J Mursell) R Hodges 9-5 ... I Johnson 90
104 (3) 140 CETONG 8 (B,D,F) (Witham Land and Leisure Ltd) K Brassey 9-3 ... T Quinn 89
107 (2) 164234 LOVELY EARS 8 (D,F) (Al-Deera Bloodstock Holdings) G Fyfche 8-9 M Marshall (7) 92
109 (1) 460 PITSEA 21 (D Cock) R Hannon 8-7 ... B Rouse 89
111 (4) 5160 HOWLING GAEL 19 (D,S) (D Buchanan) G Lewis 8-6 ... Paul Eddery 95
112 (7) 140060 DO-I-KNOW-YOU 6 (B,D,S) (R Myddleton) C Williams 8-1 ... R Morse (5) 89
113 (9) 122211 PETONGS WEEYIN 3 (D,F,G) (J Innes) R Stubbs 7-13 (7ex) ... P Burke (5) ● 99
114 (8) 021 BUTTER FINGERS 17 (B,D,G) (P Cundell) P Cundell 7-7 ... R Fox 89

Long handicap: Butter Fingers 7-5.

BETTING: 11-4 Petongs Weeyin, 4-1 Butter Fingers, 5-1 Pitsea, 13-2 Howling Gael, 7-1 Lovely Ears, 8-1 Mister Lawson, 10-1 Hard To Figure, Cetong, 16-1 Do-I-Know-You.

1987: LONELY BEACH 9-7 S Cauthen (13-2) R Armstrong 11 ran

FORM MISTER LAWSON (8-12) 1½l course- and distance winner from Noble Habitat (8-7) (£3,397, good to firm, June 24, 7 ran). LOVELY EARS (8-6) 1l 2nd to Ultimate Dream (8-5) at Kempton (5f hcap, £2,456, good to soft, July 13, 6 ran) with HARD TO FIGURE (9-7) 1½l 3rd. HOWLING GAEL (9-0) best form beating Wasimah (8-8) 2l at Epsom (5f mdn, £2,301, soft, Apr 20, 6 ran). PETONGS WEEYIN (7-10) beat Jive Music (7-10) ¾l at Redcar (5f hcap, £2,275, good, Aug 2, 6 ran). BUTTER FINGERS (8-6) beat Moor Frolicking (8-6) 2½l at Folkestone (5f sell, £1,035, good, July 19, 7 ran).

Selection: PETONGS WEEYIN

2.35 SHEFFIELD INSULATIONS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £935: 6f) (13 runners)

201 (9) 02021 DOLLY BEVAN 13 (CD,S) (Exors of late Mrs C Jones) D H Jones 8-13 ... G Baxter 98
203 (1) 0 CLOUD CUCKOOLAND 18 (G Bishop) R Smyth 8-11 ... A Morris (7) —
204 (5) 3 CULTURAL ATTACHE 22 (B) (British Thoroughbred plc) C Nelson 8-11 ... J Reid 91
205 (2) 0006 DEEP SHADOW 25 (N Bowyer) D Murray-Smith 8-11 ... R Wernham 87
208 (12) 20 JAY GEE 90 (R Cheesewright) P Mitchell 8-11 ... S Whitworth ● 99
209 (9) 034 MY BROTHER JAKE 25 (L Tomlin) P Burgoyne 8-11 ... T Quinn 93
211 (7) 00 STOKE PERO 84 (B) (A Newcombe) C Hill 8-11 ... P D'Arcy —
213 (3) OPAL SURPRISE (S Malles) J M Bradley 8-6 ... N Adams —
215 (8) 0050 PERNULA 4 (B) (Miss E Durr) F Durr 8-6 ... W Newnes —
216 (11) ROSY'S WAY (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-6 ... I Johnson —
217 (4) 05 STELLAJOE 37 (J Stone) A Davison 8-6 ... J Williams —
218 (13) SWEET THURSDAY (Mrs D Flaherty) B Stevens 8-6 ... D McKay —
219 (6) TOP OF THE BARLEY (M Bryant) P Arthur 8-6 ... C Rutter —

BETTING: 5-2 Cultural Attache, 7-2 Dolly Bevan, 4-1 Jay Gee, 6-1 My Brother Jake, 8-1 Cloud Cuckooland, 10-1 Pernula, 12-1 Stoke Pero, 14-1 others.

1987: EXHAUST LADY 8-6 B Crossley (4-1) Miss B Saunders 11 ran

FORM DOLLY BEVAN (8-6) beat Quiet Bay (8-6) a head here (6f sell, £922, soft, July 23, 12 ran). CULTURAL ATTACHE (9-0) 4½l 3rd to Tres Sportif (8-9) at Chepstow (6f sell mdn, £744, good to soft, July 14, 7 ran). JAY GEE was pulled up last time; previously (9-0) 4l 2nd to Iron King (9-0) at Brighton (5f mdn, £959, firm, Apr 25, 8 ran). MY BROTHER JAKE (8-11) 6½l 4th to Ryan's Girl (8-11) at Leicester (6f sell, £977, good, July 11, 8 ran) with DEEP SHADOW (8-11) 10½l 6th.

Selection: MY BROTHER JAKE

3.5 CEMENTONE-BEAVER HANDICAP (£3,798: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

302 (3) 040-443 LANDSKI 15 (B,D,F,S) (B Munro-Wilson) P Cole 5-9-10 ... T Quinn 98
303 (1) 2-04231 BLISSFUL KINGDOM 16 (D,G) (B Kingham) B Hills 3-9-4 ... M Hills 95
304 (7) 240212 FAST CHICK 27 (D,BF,F) (Duke of Marlborough) J Dunlop 3-8-12 ... W Carson 98
305 (5) 03050-4 VERITABLE 24 (D,F) (Mrs D Hunnisett) J Pitch-Heyes 5-8-9 ... Rae Guest 95
306 (4) 2-00013 WYKEHAMIST 18 (CD,G,S) (M Collins) C Benstead 5-8-7 ... W R Swinburn ● 99
307 (6) 000-2 RISKY LADY 59 (A Wright) R Akehurst 3-8-5 ... T Williams 95
308 (2) 004000 TICKLE TRAP 10 (B) (Mrs R Bonner) P Mitchell 3-8-3 ... S Whitworth 92

BETTING: 11-4 Fast Chick, 7-2 Wykehamist, Risky Lady, 9-2 Blissful Kingdom, 7-1 Landski, 14-1 Veritable, 16-1 Trickle Trap.

1987: SAMHAAN 5-9-8 Pat Eddery (7-2) B Hanbury 12 ran

FORM LANDSKI (9-10) 2l 3rd to Main Objective (8-6) at Sandown (1m 2f App hcap, £2,544, good, July 21, 9 ran). BLISSFUL KINGDOM (9-3) beat Stride Home (8-5) 4l at Sandown (1m 2f Claim, £3,072, good, July 20, 10 ran). VERITABLE (9-10) 1l 4th behind Dark Heritage (9-9) at Folkestone (1m 2f hcap, £1,863, good to firm, July 12, 14 ran). WYKEHAMIST (7-9) beat FAST CHICK (8-1) 1½l at Lingfield (1m 2f hcap, £4,039, good, July 9, 9 ran). RISKY LADY (7-7) beaten a neck by Strawberry Song (8-9) at Goodwood (1m 2f hcap, £3,935, good to firm, June 7, 11 ran). TICKLE TRAP (7-9) unplaced behind Eradicate (9-0) at Goodwood (1m hcap, £6,360, good to soft, July 26, 15 ran).

Selection: LANDSKI

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	22	42	52.4	S Cauthen	36	136	26.5
J Tree	4	14	28.6	Paul Eddery	29	129	22.5
G Harwood	23	82	28.0	G Starkey	16	102	15.7
R Stubbs	4	15	26.7	W Carson	25	164	15.2
H Candy	10	42	23.8	W R Swinburn	7	53	13.2
D Murray-Smith	3	16	18.8	P Cook	19	167	11.4

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3.35 OLIVER & GRIMES GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,063: 7f) (12 runners)

403 (7) 31 ISNAD 20 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-4 ... Pat Eddery 90
404 (1) 1 POLAR RUN 20 (D,G) (Lady Harrison) G Harwood 9-4 ... G Starkey 98
405 (4) 1 SHINING STEEL 15 (D,G) (H Joel) H Cecil 9-4 ... S Cauthen ● 99
407 (11) 212 SYLVAN TEMPEST 65 (BF,S) (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 9-4 ... W R Swinburn 94
411 (3) 0 CARNIVAL FEVER 34 (T Perrette) R Hannon 8-11 ... L Jones —
413 (2) DESERT DANCER (R Patel) R Hoad 8-11 ... P Cook —
414 (10) 00 EPICURUS 21 (P Kuehnel) W Brooks 8-11 ... S Whitworth —
417 (8) 54 IRISH BAY 15 (R Shaw) N Vigors 8-11 ... A Whitehall (7) 73
418 (5) KALANSKI (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-11 ... W Carson —
422 (9) PRINCE SOBUR (J Baille) M Blanshard 8-11 ... W Newnes —
423 (12) REGAL SMOKE (Mrs T Cockram) M McCourt 8-11 ... A Tucker (7) —
429 (6) 56 LILAC TIME 30 (The Queen) W Hastings-Bass 8-6 ... B Rouse 71

BETTING: 11-10 Shining Steel, 7-4 Polar Run, 7-2 Isnad, 10-1 Sylvan Tempest, 12-1 Kalanski, 20-1 Irish Bay, Lilac Time, 25-1 others.

1987: PHAROAH'S PRIDE 9-4 S Cauthen (2-7 fav) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM ISNAD (9-0) beat Melody (8-9) 5l at Ripon (6f mdn, £2,693, good, July 16, 13 ran). POLAR RUN (8-8) beat Cadiano (8-8) 4l at Newbury (7f, £8,370, good, July 16, 3 ran). SHINING STEEL (9-4) beat Elenos (9-0) 2½l at Sandown (7f mdn, £3,415, good, July 21, 8 ran). IRISH BAY (8-9) 3l 4th to James Payne (9-0) at Sandown (7f, £3,798, good, July 20, 5 ran). KALANSKI (Foaled Mar 8) Cost 68,000gns. By Nijinsky out of Kalazero, a 7f winner. A full-brother to William Hill Dewhurst winner Kala Dancer. PRINCE SOBUR (Foaled 14 Apr). By Jalmood out of Ultra Vires. A half-brother to winners Veritable and Ulterior Motive. LILAC TIME (8-4) 14l 6th to Trust Troy (9-0) at Brighton (7f mdn, £959, good July 6, 7 ran).

Selection: POLAR RUN

4.5 JOHN CARR JOINERY HANDICAP (£2,917: 6f) (17 runners)

501 (15) 63-0060 HO MI CHINH 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Bradley) J M Bradley 6-9-10 ... M Marshall (7) 86
503 (11) 60-1610 NEVADA MIX 6 (D,F) (N McConnell) N Gaselee 4-9-9 ... B Rouse 96
505 (12) 0-0411 AJJAJ 18 (B,D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) J Tree 3-9-6 ... Pat Eddery 94
509 (2) 006561 LOFT BOY 6 (D,G,S) (Mrs B Allwright) N Vigors 5-9-4 (7ex) ... P Cook 98
511 (4) 00-6056 MURPHY'S WHEELS 6 (F,G) (M Everett) R Akehurst 5-9-3 ... Ron Hills (5) 90
514 (10) 002510 TACHYON PARK 16 (B,F,G) (J Rowland) P Arthur 6-9-0 ... S Whitworth ● 99
520 (1) 023445 CEE-EN-CEE 21 (B,CD,F) (Orbit Precision Machining) M McCourt 4-8-7 ... C Rutter 95
523 (8) 241223 MAIDEN BIDDER 6 (D,BF,F,G) (J Hollins) D A Wilson 6-8-5 ... A Mackay 98
524 (17) 140404 FINAL LOT 21 (D,G) (G Bishop) R Smyth 3-8-4 ... A Morris (7) 95
527 (9) 0-00502 DANCING SARAH 53 (G) (North Cheshire Trading) D Haydn Jones 5-8-3 G Baxter 94
529 (7) 040364 MAJOR JACKO 22 (D,S) (J Horgan) R Hannon 5-8-1 ... L Jones 96
530 (5) 360400 TINA'S SONG 17 (T Prebble) P Howling 3-7-13 ... — 95
531 (3) 00040-0 MARTIAN MELODY 16 (D,F) (A Hogan) W Brooks 4-7-13 ... T Williams 97
533 (16) 00-0040 MACE-BEARER 28 (G Le Rossignol) L Holt 4-7-13 ... N Adams 94
536 (6) 000-00 MERCURY MOON 21 (J Watson) M McCourt 3-7-11 ... — —
537 (14) 034/01- HACHIMITSU 364 (C,F) (Mrs B Taylor) S Mellor 5-7-10 ... L Riggio (5) 87
539 (13) 502500 SITEX 6 (D,F,S) (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 10-7-8 ... — 98

BETTING: 7-2 Ajjaj, 5-1 Maiden Bidder, 6-1 Loft Boy, 8-1 Cee-En-Cee, 10-1 Nevada Mix, Final Lot, Tachyon Park, 12-1 Dancing Sarah, Murphy's Wheels, 16-1 Mace Bearer, Major Jacko, 20-1 others.

1987: CRONK'S QUALITY 4-9-13 W Carson (9-2) G Lewis 14 ran

FORM NEVADA MIX (9-8) beat Godstruth (8-11) 3l at Brighton (6f hcap, £2,511, firm, June 21, 10 ran) on penultimate start with MAIDEN BIDDER (8-1) 1l 3rd. AJJAJ (9-7) beat Dawes Oi Nelson (8-10) 1l at Windsor (6f hcap, £3,309, good, July 18, 13 ran). LOFT BOY (8-11) beat Count Me Out (8-1) a short head at Windsor (5f hcap, £2,843, good, July 30, 19 ran) with MAIDEN BIDDER (8-3) 1l 3rd, MURPHY'S WHEELS (9-2) 2½l 6th and SITEX (7-7) unplaced. TACHYON PARK (9-4) beat Cree Bay (9-7) a neck at Leicester on penultimate start (5f hcap, £2,650, good, July 11, 9 ran). FINAL LOT (8-9) 2½l 4th to Small Fee (9-7) at Warwick (5f hcap, £1,691, soft, July 15, 7 ran). MAJOR JACKO (7-10) best effort ¾l 3rd to Restore (9-10) at Kempton (6f hcap, £2,540, good to firm, June 22, 10 ran). SITEX (7-8) neck 2nd to Ferryman (9-10) at Brighton (6f hcap, £2,165, good to firm, June 30, 7 ran) with MAIDEN BIDDER (8-5) 1¾l 4th and MAJOR JACKO (8-13) ½l 5th.

Selection: AJJAJ

4.35 CARADON TWYFORDS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

601 (2) 033 BEAUCHAMP CREST 28 (BF) (E Penser) J Dunlop 8-11 ... B Rouse ● 99
602 (5) BELLE ENFANT (Hillfields Farming Co) G Harwood 8-11 ... G Starkey —
605 (4) FLASHING SILKS (A Russell) P Howling 8-11 ... I Johnson —
607 (6) 0- HELIOGRAPH 340 (Lord Howard de Walden) P Walwyn 8-11 ... C Rutter —
609 (1) 00 KEY TO THE RIVER 17 (Hesmonds Stud) H Candy 8-11 ... W Newnes —
615 (7) 4-5 RIVER SERENADE 14 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11 ... M Hills 97
616 (3) 00-0050 ROKALA 23 (Hesmonds Stud) D Lang 8-11 ... T Williams 90
626 (8) 0-45 ZAMZAM 23 (Dana Stud Ltd) Mrs L Piggott 8-11 ... B Crossley 90

BETTING: 5-4 Belle Enfant, 11-4 Beauchamp Crest, 3-1 River Serenade, 8-1 Zamzam, 12-1 Key To The River, 20-1 others.

1987: MOUNTAIN ISLE 3-8-11 W Carson (11-10) W Hern 8 ran

FORM BEAUCHAMP CREST (8-4) 3½l 3rd to Indian Babs (8-7) at Lingfield (1m 4f mdn, £2,546, good to soft, July 8, 18 ran). BELLE ENFANT (Cost 22,000gns). By Belldale Flutter out of Sharp Castan, a sprint winner. Half-sister to three useful winners. KEY TO THE RIVER (8-11) 20l 11th behind Gopak (9-0) at Folkestone (1m 2f mdn, good, 19 July, 15 ran). RIVER SERENADE (8-11) 12l 5th to Nayrizi at Ascot (1m 2f mdn, £5,942, good to soft, July 22, 5 ran). ROKALA (8-11) 23l 8th behind Regency Fair (8-11) at Bath (1m 2f 50y mdn, £2,137, good to soft, 13 July, 15 ran). ZAMZAM (8-9) 2l 4th to Flattering News (8-7) at Ripon (1m 1f App mdn, £1,930, firm, June 22, 9 ran).

Selection: BEAUCHAMP CREST

6.55 LLOYD AND McCARTHY HANDICAP (£3,517: 6f) (20 runners)

1 (3) 03-0500 MADRACO 10 (V,D,F,G,S) (B Hampson) P Calver 5-9-12 ... J Reid 97
3 (1) 635005 RETRIEVE 7 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs F Allen) W Jarvis 5-9-10 ... S Cauthen 96
6 (14) 0400-05 GEORGE WILLIAM 6 (F,G) (Mrs S McGill) Miss B Sanders 7-9-5 ... G Bardwell (3) 85
7 (10) 210225 FREMONT BOY 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Miss S Previte) C James 5-9-3 ... P Cook 95
8 (2) 105-03 ROSE BOUQUET 34 (D,S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 3-9-3 ... W Ryan 94
11 (12) 46-0 COSSACK WARRIOR 70 (Mrs A James) R Hutchinson 3-9-0 ... — 98
14 (8) 531142 SCOTCH IMP 18 (D,F,G) (T Broadley) D Chapman 4-8-11 ... S Webster 96
16 (9) 006/050 RIVIERA SCENE 21 (B) (G Yates) P Makin 5-8-10 ... R Hills 93
17 (18) 500030 SURELY GREAT 4 (J Livock) J Jenkins 4-8-9 ... M Roberts 97
18 (15) 6-50305 NEEDWOOD NUT 20 (D,G) (Needwood Accountants) B Morgan 4-8-8 P Robinson 93
19 (6) 062160 NAWWAR 13 (D,S) (C Benstead) C Benstead 4-8-9 ... R Cochrane 98
20 (4) 0-00004 KEPT WAITING 21 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Beckwith) W Musson ... B Raymond 90
21 (5) 3-25022 RESTLESS RHAPSODY 10 (BF,F,G) (W Haggas) W Haggas 5-8-6 ... M Hills 94
22 (20) 3-05305 MY PAL POPEYE 13 (Mrs P Mitchell) P Mitchell 3-8-6 ... S Whitworth 95
23 (17) 0-00040 CAPEABILITY POUND 18 (B,F,G,S) (M Pound) A Jones 5-8-5 ... B Crossley 88
24 (19) 50-0020 GODSTRUTH 22 (B,D,F,G,S) (H T Jones) H Thomson Jones 9-8-5 ... D D'Arcy (7) 84
25 (7) 0000 BANCOMAT 7 (P Benedetti) W O'Gorman 3-8-4 ... R Morse (5) 84
28 (11) 0040-03 EASTERN EVENING 22 (Eastern Newspapers) M Tompkins 3-8-0 ... G Carter 92
30 (16) 004460 CAPTAIN'S BIDD 4 (C,F,G) (Mrs Whiting) R Thompson 8-7-7 ... A Mackay ● 99
32 (13) 0000/0 GLORIOUS DAN 51 (Mrs O McFarland) S Bowring 4-7-7 ... NON-RUNNER —

Long handicap: Captain's Bidd 7-6, Glorious Dan 7-4.

BETTING: 5-1 Retrieve, 6-1 Restless Rhapsody, Eastern Evening, 15-2 Scotch Imp, 10-1 Rose Bouquet, Fremont Boy, 11-1 George William, 12-1 Kept Waiting, 14-1 others.

1987: RETRIEVE 4-9-10 R Cochrane (5-1) W Jarvis 16 ran

7.25 BARRY McGUIGAN BULLWORKER CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,444: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

2 (9) 103511 DAILY SPORT SOON 11 (G,S) (P Hodgson) R Akehurst 9-7 ... S Cauthen 94
4 (12) 34 WOODCRAFT 17 (R Green Ltd) W Jarvis 9-7 ... B Raymond 91
5 (6) 600404 YANBU 41 (J Pepper) J Jenkins 9-7 ... M Roberts 81
6 (8) 8-41 EMINENCE VERTE 16 (D,G) (G Leigh) J Hills 9-4 ... K Fallon (5) 86
10 (2) 042051 SEXTON 11 (S) (N Anderson) R Hannon 9-3 ... A McGlone 83
11 (3) 0-000 THE TANNER 11 (G Ward) D Arbuthnot 9-3 ... R Hills —
15 (11) 008400 FANTASQUE 1 (T Minshan) Pat Mitchell 8-10 ... J Reid 77
16 (10) 24341 STRONG LANGUAGE 17 (S) (Capt J M-Buchanan) M Prescott 8-10 ... G Duffield 84
17 (1) 034453 ATEL FLYER 11 (Qualitair Holdings Ltd) K Stone 8-9 ... R Morse (5) 83
21 (7) 040-052 SHAHI DANCER 7 (B) (Miss S Hamilton) P Kelleway 8-9 ... G Bardwell (3) ● 99
22 (13) 0-00410 DADDY'S DARLING 3 (B,C,S) (G Blum) G Blum 8-8 ... — 87
23 (5) 04-2200 LOVING 7 (B) (G Bailey Ltd) G Blum 8-8 ... P Robinson 89
25 (4) 051404 STISTED PARK 7 (CD,F) (A Poster) P Haslam 8-3 ... T Williams 92

BETTING: 5-2 Shahi Dancer, 3-1 Daily Sport Soon, 15-2 Sexton, 10-1 Woodcraft, Eminence Verte, Strong Language, 14-1 Stisted Park, 16-1 Daddy's Darling, 20-1 others.

1987: HEAVENLY PERFUME 8-0 A McGlone (4-1) M Usher 9 ran

7.50 TUDOR GATE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,838: 7f) (9 runners)

4 (6) 125316 DENHAM GREEN 34 (D,F,S) (P Muddoon) S Muddoon 9-7 ... K Fallon (5) 94
6 (7) 45021 PERICOT 24 (D,G) (A Williams) P Kelleway 8-12 ... G Bardwell (3) 95
7 (9) 51 CARELESS TALK 21 (G) (M Tabor) W Jarvis 8-12 ... B Raymond 85
9 (3) 5445 JUVENARA 20 (S Manana) C Brittain 8-11 ... S Cauthen 85
11 (2) 354 DR BREEZE 23 (Miss K Rausing) John FitzGerald 8-7 ... R Hills 92
12 (8) 61 FINE TUDOR 30 (CD,S) (S Andrews) M Tompkins 8-6 ... G Carter 96
13 (5) 0400 SOLOMON'S SONG 6 (Miss C Spurrier) R Hannon 8-1 ... A McGlone 91
14 (1) 530 SHARP THISTLE 75 (Angley Stud Ltd) W Musson 8-1 ... A Mackay 88
16 (4) 214032 GO RABALL GO 10 (F) (A Irish) C Allen 7-7 ... R Fox ● 99

Long handicap: Go Raball Go 7-4.

BETTING: 5-2 Fine Tudor, 4-1 Pericot, 11-2 Careless Talk, 8-1 Juvenara, Go Raball Go, 10-1 Solomon's Song, 12-1 Denham Green, 14-1 others.

1987: JUNGLE GOLD 9-7 B Rouse (4-1) J Watts 8 ran

8.20 EBF ISLEHAM MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,204: 7f) (13 runners)

1 (7) ARTIC ENVOY (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 9-0 ... G Bardwell (3) —
2 (6) ENIGMA (J Garcia-Roady) G Harwood 9-0 ... G Starkey —
3 (5) FAVOSKI (Exors of the late E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 ... P Cook —
4 (2) 4 GREEN LINE EXPRESS (M Fustok) M Moubarak 9-0 ... G Carter —
8 (3) 3 METHANO 13 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0 ... B Raymond —
9 (8) 4 MIDFIELDER 48 (Lord H de Walden) P Walwyn 9-0 ... P Cook —
15 (4) PROMEGIG (Miss H Gewers) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ... G Duffield —
16 (10) 0 QUALITAIR AVIATOR 69 (Qualitair Holdings Ltd) K Stone 9-0 ... — —
19 (9) THE BANK (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills —
23 (11) MOST OF ALL (A Gibson) J Toller 8-9 ... P Robinson —
24 (1) SOLEMN OCCASION (The Queen) W Hastings-Bass 8-9 ... R Cochrane —
25 (12) TESSLA (C St George) H Cecil 8-9 ... S Cauthen —
26 (13) ZOFTIG (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 8-9 ... T Wilson (7) —

BETTING: 3-1 Tessla, 9-2 Favoski, 5-1 Methano, 11-2 Enigma, 8-1 Midfielder, 12-1 The Bank, 14-1 Solemn Occasion, 16-1 others.

1987: ST CADOC 9-0 M Hills (25-1) B Hills 15 ran

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Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Major Ivor. 2.45 Classic Suite. 3.15 Cumbrian Express. 3.45 Spring Forward. 4.15 Gypsey Pop. 4.45 Belmoredean. 5.15 Ice Breaker.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Sno Problem. 2.45 Ajalita. 3.15 Kissagram Queen. 3.45 Trojan Legend. 4.45 Belmoredean. 5.15 Black Comedy.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 Major Ivor.

Going: good to firm

Draw: 5f-7f, high numbers best

2.15 PAT PHOENIX HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,800: 7f) (14 runners)

2 0043 MAJOR IVOR 10 (C,F) Mrs G Reveley 9-7 ... J Lowe 9
4 5162 IVORDALE 23 (D,F) M H Easterby 9-2 ... M Birch 8
5 2400 BOLD HABIT 56 W Pearce 9-0 ... G Duffield 13
6 5362 SIERRA SNOW 7 J Etherington 8-10 ... J Carter (5) 10
7 4525 MISS ABOYNE 14 J Wilson 8-9 ... N Connorton 4
10 2200 WAVERLEY STAR 20 (B,F) J Wainwright 8-8 ... M Beecroft 3
11 6443 SUNLEY PRINCESS 15 J Edwards 8-8 ... K Darley 1
12 0000 SNO PROBLEM 63 (S) R Boss 8-6 ... M Roberts 14
13 2132 MIDNIGHT RAVER 14 (B,BF,D,F,G) N Tinkler 8-5 ... Kim Tinkler 12
14 005 SPORTING WEDNESDAY 21 C Horgan 8-5 ... R Cochrane 11
16 0016 LONELY RAMIRO 5 (C,D,F,S) Denys Smith 8-1 ... P Dalton (7) 5
17 0000 RUNNING FORTUNE 8 E Alston 7-13 ... J Fortune (7) 7
19 5504 AQUAINTED 8 M Britain 7-7 ... A Munro (5) 6
20 0510 FLOTENA 17 (D,F) D Chapman 7-7 ... L Charnock 2

11-4 Sunley Princess, 100-30 Major Ivor, 4-1 Midnight Raver, 6-1 Ivordale, 8-1 Sporting Wednesday, 10-1 Aquainted.

2.45 RACING POST MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,197: 7f) (19)

2 00 KEEP BIDDING 11 M W Easterby 8-11 ... D Nicholls 15
8 50 I'M ELECTRIC 74 C Wall 8-5 ... N Day 18
11 00 STANDING COUNT 21 Mrs J Ramsden 8-5 ... A Clark
12 000 BOBBY ON THE BANK 39 E Alston 8-2 ... A Proud 12
13 0462 CLASSIC SUITE 9 R Whitaker 8-2 ... Dean McKeown 4
14 00 DRU RI'S BRU RI 77 W Bentley 8-2 ... A Mercer 11
15 00 HIGH FAITH 42 P Ronan 8-2 ... S Morris 13
16 0645 SKY WATCHER 31 Denys Smith 8-2 ... P Dalton (7) 7
18 FINAL ASSET J Hills 8-0 ... E Johnson 3
19 0 BETTER NOW 7 J Etherington 7-13 ... M Wood 14
20 00 BOLD SINGER 105 J Etherington 7-13 ... K Darley 5
22 0 HUNTERS LODGE 17 J Wilson 7-13 ... M Roberts 6
23 00 JAMULLA 9 C Spares 7-13 ... N Connorton 8
25 00 FLOYA 27 P Ronan 7-11 ... M Fry 9
27 4220 ROKER ROYALE 29 (BF) M H Easterby 7-11 ... L Charnock 1
29 26 AJALITA 46 (BF) M Ryan 7-8 ... G Bardwell (3) 15
31 43 GAZETTALONG 17 M Tompkins 7-8 ... Dale Gibson 10
32 0 KATALANTA 11 B Hills 7-8 ... R Street 18
33 4646 LOVE AND LIFE 15 S Norton 7-8 ... J Lowe 17

5-2 Classic Suite, 3-1 Gazettalong, 9-2 Roker Royale, 6-1 Katalanta, 8-1 Final Asset, 10-1 I'm Electric, 14-1 others.

3.15 JOHN SMITH'S BITTER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,590: 5f) (13)

1 6134 CUMBRIAN EXPRESS 10 (B,D,F) M H Easterby 9-7 ... M Birch 10
2 55-0 GRANICUS 20 (B,D,G) J Watts 9-4 ... N Connorton 9
4 2003 KISSAGRAM QUEEN 10 (D,F) R Boss 8-12 M Roberts 1
5 0000 MERE MELODY 16 (V,D,G,S) M Brittain 8-11 ... A Munro (5) 4
6 3310 FAIRFIELD LAD 35 (D,G,S) M Tompkins 8-8 ... R Cochrane 12
9 65-0 AVIDAL PARK 10 (D,F) J Wharton 8-7 ... N Day 13
10 1503 PAMPERED DREAM 16 (B,D,S) A Bailey 8-3 ... P Bloomfield 6
11 0020 NORTH OF WATFORD 4 Capt J Wilson 8-2 K Darley 11
14 0333 LONG TIKI 21 G Moore 9-0 ... J Quinn (5) 2
15 0060 DECOY EXPRESS 16 E Alston 7-7 ... J Fortune (7) 7
16 2120 GOLDEN CHARIOT 6 (B,D,S) M Brittain 7-7 ... G Bardwell (3) 5
17 0515 ROXBY MELODY 34 (D,F) Mrs G Reveley 7-7 ... R Price (7) 3
18 3000 QUICK OR BE DAMNED 7 (D,G) D Chapman 7-7 ... J Lowe 8

2-1 Cumbrian Express, 4-1 Kissagram Queen, 5-1 Fairfield Lad, 8-1 Decoy Express, 10-1 Mere Melody, 12-1 Long Tiki.

3.45 ASKE HANDICAP (£2,395: 2m 115y) (8)

1 1026 TROJAN LEGEND 9 (F,G,S) R Williams 4-10-0 ... G Duffield 4
3 0251 EXORBITANT 17 (B,D,G,S) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-12 ... R Cochrane 5
7 4312 WHAT A HENRY 16 (F,G) M H Easterby 3-8-6 M Birch 7
14 5303 ONE FOR THE POT 32 W Pearce 3-7-7 ... L Charnock 3
15 -400 SOMBRERO GOLD 24 R Whitaker 4-7-7 ... A Proud 1
16 0151 SPRING FORWARD 13 (G,S) R Peacock 4-7-7 (5ex) ... J Quinn (5) 8
17 0-00 FATHER KELLY 30 (B) J Etherington 3-7-7 ... J Lowe 2
19 -060 DUKE OF DOLLIS 44 (F,G) W Storey 9-7-7 ... — 6

9-4 Spring Forward, 7-2 What A Henry, 4-1 Exorbitant, 6-1 Trojan Legend, 8-1 One For The Pot, 10-1 Sombrero Gold.

4.15 BEDALE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,099: 7f) (19)

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YACHTING: JACOBITE JOINS AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB ACHIEVING THE COWES WEEK DOUBLE FOR CLASS ONE CRAFT BY BEING 'LUCKY AND CLEVER'

Frayed tempers cooled by a satisfying breeze

By Malcolm McKeag

Tempers, temperament and the breeze bear a relationship at Cowes, which is simply stated. The better the breeze, the better the tempers and the fewer the displays of temperament from competitors dissatisfied with their day's sport.

Yesterday gave the best breeze of this year's Sandhurst Cowes Week so far and thus the happiest day of racing. With a solid force three to four south-westerly, the race committee set excellent courses for cruisers and dayboats alike, the big boats being sent into the West Solent as far as Beaulieu before starting an excursion eastward to Browndown, most of the way to Portsmouth.

The smaller classes circulated in mid-Solent between Cowes, Hill Head and the North Ryde Middle.

In the big boats, it was Jacobite's day, with Peter Bruce sailing Stephen James's five-year-old Stephen Jones-design into membership of the exclusive club of those who have done the Cowes Week Double of winning both the Britannia and the New York Yacht Club Cups for Class One. The so-called big class may have lost some of its glamour since the glorious days of Carina, Caprice of Huon and the Quivers, but none the less, only eight other yachts have won both cups in the one week.

Bruce won the race by being, in his own words, "both lucky and clever" — and by striking boldly up the Hampshire shore from Browndown when the faster One Tonners, already ahead, had gone for the island. It was, as he put it, "a bit lonely for a while" until those in the classes behind saw his gain and followed suit. Thus David May, leading the Sigma 38s but already committed to the island, was overtaken by those astern who followed Jacobite.

The benefits of leading from the rear were borne out when Jacobite watched them run out of breeze in Osborne Bay on the final beat and held out in fresher air to clear Norris.

There was more coming from behind in the little XODs. Richard Smith in Madcap, recalled from a premature start, actually cleared the line last but three hours later had wriggled his way to the front again to win by 22 seconds.

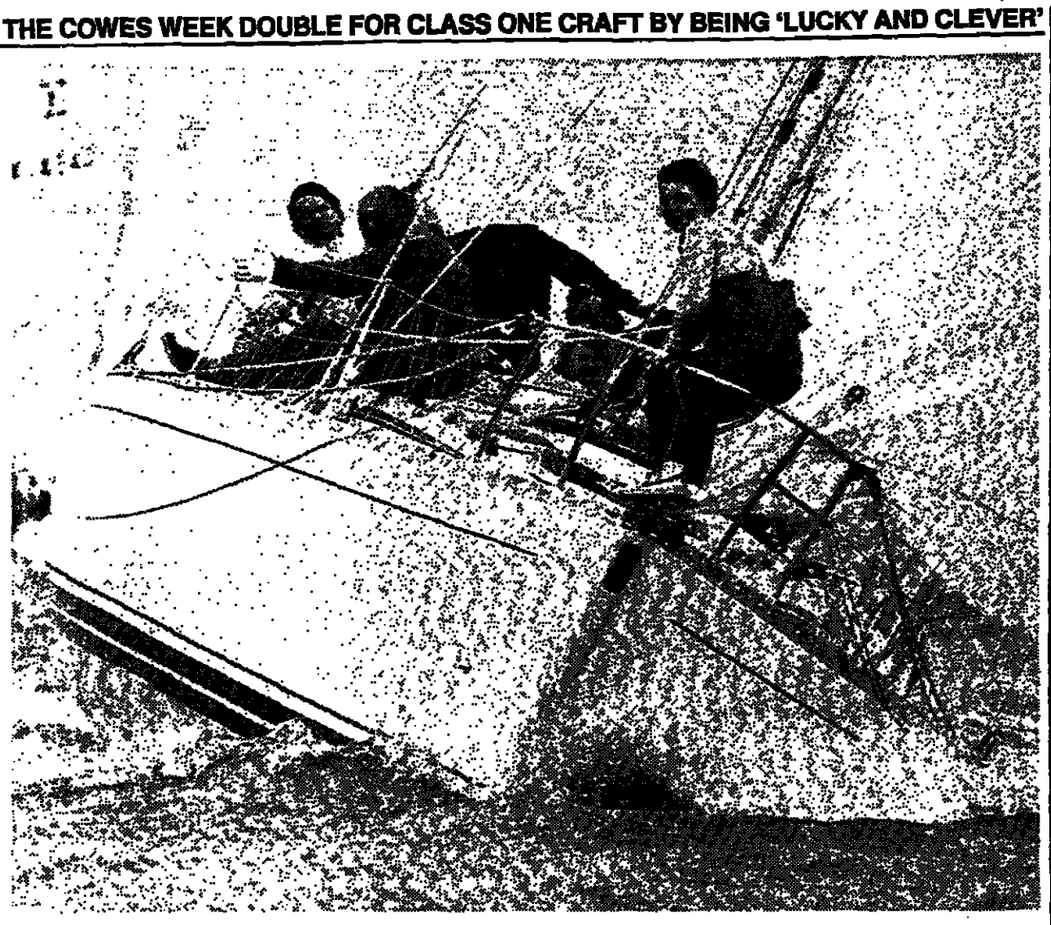
The Xs use Cowes Week as their championship, best four of six to count, and with two wins and a sixth for Smith and Madcap, two wins and a fourth for Paul Lees and Sphex and a win, a fifth and a twelfth for Barry Dunning and Lone Star the title is far from decided in this extremely competitive class.

RESULTS FROM COWES

IOR Class I: 1, Jacobite (S L James); 2, Blue Diamond (B Polley); 3, Local Hero IV (E G Juer) (subject to protest). IOR Class II: 1, Bateleur 88 (G C Bonner); 2, Hi (I Tiefenbrun); 3, Fantasy (D J Bishop). IOR Class III: 1, Pinocchio (Team Tan); 2, Chipeau (M Cumberlege); 3, Hullabaloo (D and A Evans). CHS Class IV: 1, Sorcery (R Wigley); 2, X-Claim (B Coate-Bond); 3, French Mustard (R French). CHS Class V: 1, S and P II (M Potnadis); 2, Magazine II (J D Blythe); 3, Notorious (D Tydeman). CHS Class VI: 1, Last Straw (D Burgess); 2, Flying Fish (S V Duffin); 3, Gaffer (A Hughes). CHS Class VII: 1, Murena (M A Calvert); 2, Periwinkle (P R Bainbridge); 3, Pluto (R Adams). J24 Class: 1, Juggernaut (S Rogers); 2, The Kenambe Connection (Kearns and Clark); 3, Judge Dredd (Dr D and S Levison). Swallow: 1, Archon (J Vernon and D Palmer); 2, Boomerang (J Buckwell and J Prunty); 3, Goosander (M Upton and W Knight). Sunbeam: 1, Mystery (V Williams and J Burnphrey); 2, Daisy (H Brauner and P Nicholson); 3, Honey (W L Dickson). Mermaid: 1, Zara (Maj Gen A Mills); 2, Jade (Brig R Ohlenschlager and H Eddowes); 3, Rosemary (C R Taylor and M Gauton). X00: 1, Madcap (R E Smith); 2, Lizzwizz (M Sparshatt-Worley); 3, Moonfleet (H, A and T Mellery-Pratt). Squib: 1, Satu (Cmdr R Hewitt); 2, Super Kipper (J W Mobbs); 3, Jaap (S M Strange). Victory: 1, Blackbird (D Lloyd and N R Hill); 2, Zest (K and S Taylor); 3, Fanella (A H Storey).

Lightwave: 1, Oystercatcher XIII (R Matthews); 2, Marionette (C A Dunning); 3, Carronade of Mercia (P Clements). Sigma 38: 1, Yeoman XXVIII (Sir Owen Absher); 2, Cider with Rosie (J Burton); 3, Temeraire (A Bulmer and R Lovell). Sigma 33: 1, Sigmatic II (D Bonner); 2, Blaze (W E McNeill); 3, Melitemi (R A Carter). Contessa 32: 1, Chameleon (N van Agnew and S Finch); 2, Alnita (A C King); 3, Contessa's Catharine (D Hutchinson).

Impala: 1, Kudu (A C Cox and W Catchpole); 2, Tantrum (R E Pearce); 3, Lascarola (T Rose and P Strauss). SKOD: 1, Tuonela (R J Harding); 2, Tio Pepe (D Rooke); 3, Macaroon (J Schinas). Sonata: 1, Cadenza (J Froy); 2, Fruesli 11 (R and J Eglin); 3, Cry Havoc (W H Walsh). Daring: 1, Dauntless (P Porter and A Mathieu); 2, Deering Do (C Mackinnon and C Musker); 3, Auldex (P Romer-Lee and P Espenhahn). Etchell: 1, Sunshine (A R Walters); 2, Fortitude (E S Fort); 3, Snipe (N S Harley). Dragon: 1, Talisman (M Martell and A Solly); 2, Mayfly (E Williams and I Lallow); 3, Ganymede VIII (A Castell and P Wilson). Redwing: 1, Red Gauntlet (V Stratton); 2, Blue Jay (J Clasve); 3, Redwing (J Janson). Flying 15: 1, Fistel Attraction (J Corbyn); 2, Bullrush II (J Mander); 3, Royal Rangoon (C J Grubb).



Cutting a dash: Penner, a Sigma 38, cuts through the water in competition off Cowes yesterday (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker given last chance to earn place

From Jenny MacArthur
Dublin

Michael Whitaker and his Olympic shortlisted horse, Next Amanda, will have a last chance to prove themselves for Seoul in the Nations Cup event at the Dublin Horse Show today.

Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, who is keen to have Whitaker in the Olympic team, has included him in the quartet for today, and left out Malcolm Pyrah and Towerlands Anglezarke. "Pyrah's got nothing to prove and after Lisnamarrow's accident at Hickstead I don't want to risk anything happening to Towerlands Anglezarke," Massarella said yesterday.

With Ireland likely to be without their top rider, Eddie Macken, whose horse, Carrolls Flight, has injured a leg, Britain's main rival today will be the French, who are fielding three of their likely Olympic riders — Hubert Boundy, Pierre Durand, and Eric Navet. Boundy underlined his form with a stylish win in yesterday's Jameson Whiskey Classic on Moët et Chandon Milou de Subligny.

David Broome, who has been placed in nearly every class, was the runner-up on his Olympic reserve horse, Queensway Lannegan, and Michael Whitaker produced one of his finest performances to date on the young Next Tees Hanauer to finish third — ahead of Towerlands Anglezarke and the French European champion, Durand, on Jappeloup de Luze.

Harvey Smith's Brook Street Shining Example gave conclusive proof that he is now fully recovered from his virus by winning the earlier Jameson Whiskey top score competition.

In the show ring, Michael Hickey, one of Ireland's most experienced competitors, collected his sixth Dublin Hunter Championship, on O'Shea, aged five, whose quality and presence were matched by perfect manners.

RESULTS: Jameson Whiskey Classic: 1, Moët et Chandon Milou de Subligny (H Bourby, Fr), 0 in 33.90; 2, Queensway Lannegan (D Broome, GB), 0 in 34.67; 3, Next Tees Hanauer (M Whitaker, GB), 0 in 35.68. Jameson Whiskey Top Score: 1, Brook Street Shining Example (H Smith, GB), 69.75sec; 2, Next Did (M Whitaker), 70.50; 3, Queensway Royale (D Broome), 62.91. Champion Hunter: O'Shea (M Hickey). Reserve: Ballygogue (J Nolan). Champion Hunter Mare: Brown Sabar (Mrs C Bradbury). Reserve: Springfield Lady Mary (F Flannelly). Champion 4-year-old: Sam Adam (L Talbot and G Chapman). Reserve: Alston Downstream (S Brains and B Fiebin).
NATIONS CUP TEAM: Apollo (N Skelton), Country Classics Kruger (J Tuir). Next Amanda (M Whitaker), Queensway Countryman (D Broome).

CRICKET: THE MAN ON A REHABILITATION COURSE ELEGANTLY REFUSES TO BE SUBDUED BY THE CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS

Asif and Alderman have honours even

By Jack Bailey

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, lead Warwickshire by 104 runs

A good cricket wicket and fast-scoring provided a fascinating contest in which the balance tilted first one way, then the other. At the close, Gloucestershire had their noses just in front.

Two declarations left them 49 runs ahead on the first innings and to this they have added a further 55 for the loss of one wicket. They also lost Stovold, retired hurt, following a blow through his helmet from a bouncer, but it is expected that his absence will be only temporary. The most memorable performance among many was a fluent 84 by Asif Din, which contained 16 fours, had Warwickshire well on their way by mid-afternoon. But more was to come and at the heart of it was Alderman.

Asif Din fell to a lifting ball from Curran, but it was Alderman who was the main cause of a collapse which put Warwickshire in danger of failing to avoid the follow-on. Alderman bowled 13 overs without respite, during a two-hour period in sultry mid-afternoon. With Curran as his partner for much of this time the over-rate dwindled, but more importantly for Gloucestershire, so did Warwickshire.

At one moment Warwickshire basked at 141 for 1, with Asif Din going from strength to strength; then, Alderman took three wickets for seven runs in three overs. Moles had been a solid junior partner in a century stand, now he edged a hook and Russell did the rest. Alderman's next two wickets were classical for an away swinger — Humpage being bowled by a ball of full length which moved away and Reeve caught playing no stroke.

Curran contributed to the commotion by having Banks well taken at long leg and Warwickshire had lost five wickets for 27 runs. Enter Thorne, and gradually the balance was restored, the excitement of a different kind, as he carried the fight to Gloucestershire.

His rescue, complemented by Smith lasted 99 balls; but there was time enough for him to hit a six and 11 fours, in his highest championship innings to enable Warwickshire to declare and leave Gloucestershire 15 overs batting.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
A W Stovold c Thorne b Reeve 52
A J Wright c Munton b Reeve 9
P W Romaines b Reeve 99
P Bainbridge c Humpage b Munton 119
M W Alleyne c Reeve b Parsons 15
K M Curran c Humpage b Reeve 5
M W Pooley c Humpage b Parsons 11
D V Lawrence c Smith b Munton 10
†R C Russell not out 4
Extras (b 4, lb 22, w 2, nb 4) 32
Total (8 wkts dec) 356
*D Graveney and T M Alderman did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-69, 3-229, 4-256, 5-279, 6-340, 7-342, 8-356.
BOWLING: Merrick 20-3-89-0; Parsons 31-9-67-2; Reeve 33-9-71-4; Munton 25-5-66-2; Smith 5-0-25-0; Asif Din 4-1-12-0.
Score after 100 overs: 305 for 5.

Second Innings
A W Stovold retired hurt 16
A J Wright c Humpage b Parsons 0
P W Romaines not out 24
P Bainbridge not out 15
Total (1 wkt) 55
FALL OF WICKET: 1-16.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
A J Moles c Russell b Alderman 41
*T A Lloyd c Graveney b Lawrence 10
Asif Din c Russell b Curran 84
D Banks c Bainbridge b Curran 1
D A Thorne st Russell b Graveney 74
†G W Humpage b Alderman 0
D A Reeve lbw b Alderman 11
P A Smith not out 50
G J Parsons not out 23
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 7) 13
Total (7 wkts dec, 80.3 overs) 307
A J Merrick and T A Munton did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-142, 3-142, 4-148, 5-147, 6-169, 7-257.
BOWLING: Lawrence 14-1-56-1; Alderman 18-2-82-3; Curran 20-5-82-2; Graveney 17.3-5-50-1; Bainbridge 4-0-28-0; Pooley 7-1-22-0.
Bonus points: Gloucestershire 7, Warwickshire 6.
Umpires: D J Constant and B Meyer.

Minor Counties take advantage of offer

By Mike Berry

SLEAFORD (Sri Lankans won toss): The Minor Counties, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 41 runs behind the Sri Lankans

Full marks to the Sri Lankans for a sporting declaration. Given the evidence of Minor Counties batting that scaled encouraging heights, similar intent today could make for a fascinating finish.

On a pitch possessing pace and turn, Sri Lanka elected to bat and the contributions of Silva, Kuruppu and Mendis took them to 224 for four declared. Silva rode his luck on the way to a tour best 76 as he was twice dropped at third slip by Thomas off the bowling of Hale, the promising Oxfordshire quick bowler.

The first was a difficult high chance, the second an easier low effort that came out of both hands. Silva stayed for three hours, although never looking comfortable before being stumped off Evans, the Oxfordshire off-spinner.

Kuruppu, punishing off his legs made a pleasing 52 before perishing to a Hale in-swinger and Mendis hit an unbeaten 44.

But the Minor's collected their runs with equal conviction. Plumb, their captain, drove handsomely and was an elegant cutter to make 59 off only 60 balls including a six over extra cover off Samarasekera.

SRI LANKA: First Innings
R S Mahanama c Plumb b Hale 13
†S A R Silva st Garnham b Evans 76
C B S P Kuruppu b Hale 52
L R D Mendis not out 44
*A Ranatunga c Henderson b Evans 3
H P Tillekeratne not out 8
Extras (b 8, lb 8, w 1, nb 11) 28
Total (4 wkts dec) 224
M A R Samarasekera, H C P Ramanayake, F S Ahangama, B Rajadurai and S D Anurasiri did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-133, 3-175, 4-191.
BOWLING: Hale 15-1-71-2; Blank 19-6-44-0; Evans 18-2-45-2; Thomas 5-2-18-0; O'Brien 9-3-30-0.

MINOR COUNTIES: First Innings
C R Stockdale c Mendis b Anangama 29
*S G Plumb c Silva b Samaraskera 59
N A Folland lbw b Anurasiri 25
S P Henderson lbw b Tillekeratne 30
M A Fell c Rajadurai b Anurasiri 29
†M Garnham not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 1, nb 7) 11
Total (5 wkts) 183
D R Thomas, D C Blank, R A Evans, D A Hale and J F M O'Brien to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-118, 3-118, 4-169, 5-183.
Umpires: R T Wilson and C Smith.

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Full house likely

Worcestershire's NatWest Trophy semi-final against Hampshire, at New Road on August 10, will be an all-ticket match. The club secretary, Mike Vockins, expects that every ticket will be sold by next Wednesday.

Joint benefit

Somerset have awarded a joint benefit next season to their reserve wicketkeeper, Trevor Gard, and the assistant coach, Dennis Breakwell. Gard has been with the club since 1972, the year before Breakwell joined Somerset from Northamptonshire.

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Yorkshire v Lancashire, July 31: Yorkshire innings: S D Fletcher not out 4, not C Shaw as previously published.

Gower's silky touch graces Ladies' Day

By Richard Streeton

CANTERBURY: Kent, with all second-innings wickets in hand, lead Leicestershire by 80 runs

It was Ladies' Day at the Canterbury Week yesterday, and millinery abounded but a silken 90 by David Gower held its own for elegance. Gower alone refused to be subdued for long as Kent, the championship leaders, kept a tight rein on the Leicestershire batsmen, with Penn taking five wickets.

For a man supposedly engaged on a rehabilitation course, Gower made batting look supremely simple. This was not entirely the case. Gower's languid approach has always been deceptive and for long periods he had to work hard for his runs. Since being dropped by England last weekend, Gower has made a fighting 72 not out at Worksop against Nottinghamshire and he had another crisis on his hands on this occasion.

Leicestershire had lost both their opening batsmen for next to nothing when he came in to share crucial stands, first with Willey and then with Whitaker. Penn claimed the first two wickets in a lively spell and it was Willey who dealt firmly with him. Penn had Boon leg-before as he stretched forward to the first ball of the innings and Briers was well caught by Taylor at third slip.

Willey, though, looked in the mood for a sizeable score but immediately after lunch was run out. Gower played Penn to the leg side and Willey was unable to beat a direct hit by Ellison from mid on. Whitaker, without quite finding his timing, then shared a fourth-wicket stand of 84 in 28 overs.

After starting the season promisingly, Whitaker has entered a lean patch lately. He is among seven players at present in the game who, at the last count, have won a solitary England cap. He remains a firm striker of the ball and at 26 is still young enough to fulfil his original promise. Whitaker was out when he was deceived by a quicker ball from Harman.

Harman, utilizing a helpful pitch, was always treated respectfully by Gower. In the final over before tea Harman found the edge of the bat as Gower pushed forward defensively. Effortless drives brought Gower most of his 15 fours in a stay of just under three and a half hours.

Potter fought resolutely but Leicestershire otherwise rather fell away after Gower was out. Penn took three wickets in six balls and Kent gained maximum bowling points in the hundreth over.

KENT: First Innings
M R Benson c Benson b Ferris 42
N R Taylor lbw b Agnew 13
R F Pienaar st Whitticase b Willey 128
*C J Tavaré b Agnew 36
T R Ward b Agnew 0
G R Cowdrey b Taylor 32
†S A Marsh not out 30
R M Ellison lbw b Agnew 19
C Penn lbw b Agnew 1
M D Harman c Gower b Agnew 4
R P Davis lbw b Agnew 0
Extras (b 2, lb 10, nb 8) 20
Total 327
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-102, 3-202, 4-206, 5-262, 6-272, 7-299, 8-301, 9-327.
BOWLING: Ferris 21-4-77-1; Agnew 28.4-8-61-7; Such 17-4-47-0; Taylor 19-6-53-1; Willey 25-7-61-1; Potter 5-0-16-0.
Score after 100 overs: 303 for 8.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings
T J Boon lbw b Penn 0
N E Briers c Taylor b Penn 17
P Willey run out 39
*D I Gower c Marsh b Harman 90
J J Whitaker st Marsh b Harman 36
L Potter not out 30
†P Whitticase b Penn 19
J P Agnew b Penn 0
L B Taylor b Penn 0
G J F Ferris lbw b Ellison 3
P M Such lbw b Ellison 0
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 1, nb 1) 13
Total (99.4 overs) 247
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-25, 3-88, 4-172, 5-193, 6-228, 7-228, 8-228, 9-247.
BOWLING: Penn 23-7-68-5; Ellison 17.4-4-47-2; Harman 22-9-36-2; Pienaar 13-2-32-0; Davis 24-8-53-0.
Bonus points: Kent 8, Leicestershire 5.
Umpires: J Birkenshaw and R Julian.

Robinson leads final fling

By Martin Searby

SHEFFIELD: Nottinghamshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 227 runs behind Yorkshire

Nottinghamshire have not won a match away from Trent Bridge this season and Yorkshire's best first innings total of the summer of 337 should ensure the sequence continues today. Overnight rain delayed the start and despite hot morning sunshine 32 overs were lost before Yorkshire resumed, thanks to the enterprise of the captains rather than the fitness of the ground.

Carrick, having taken 12 off the previous four deliveries from Stephenson, then had his off-stump flattened and the unhappy Swallow gave third slip a low catch to provide the tall and skilful West Indian with his ninetieth wicket of the season.

The excellent Robinson and the pugnacious Hartley put on 50 in only 12 overs before Hemmings, in his first over from the pavilion end, had Hartley leg-before heaving across the line.

Fletcher, sweeping, lobbed a catch to the wicketkeeper and the last pair were still 41 runs short of four batting points; Robinson needing another 15 for the second hundred of his career. Both were accomplished, the first with two balls to spare, the next after four hours at the crease, and 78 were added before Stephenson clipped Shaw's off stump.

Robinson mastered some difficulties to reach an unbeaten 129 in just under five hours with 11 well-taken boundaries and Shaw's 31 containing a six over mid-wicket off Hemmings.

The county champions, who have less batting points than anyone, were soon on familiar ground with Broad, Robinson, and Martindale all leg-before inside nine overs. A partial recovery ended with Blakey at short-leg, parrying the ball with his left hand and holding the rebound with the other to dismiss Randall.

Birch then flirted outside the off stump and half the side were gone for only 50. It would have been a more dire had Carrick hung on to a chance at first slip when Johnson was 34, but Shaw, the unfortunate bowler, sent back Stephenson after a diving catch by Bairstow.

Johnson reached a well-deserved half-century by pulling Hartley over square-leg for six in the course of an over which conceded 19 runs and there were clear signs of wear in the pitch, some deliveries leaping, others keeping low, which does not augur well for Nottinghamshire beating a dignified retreat.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
M D Moxon c Randall b Cooper 12
A A Metcalfe b Hemmings 27
R J Blakey c Johnson b Cooper 5
J D Love c Randall b Mills 69
P E Robinson not out 129
†D L Bairstow c Cooper b Hemmings 4
*P Carrick b Stephenson 26
I G Swallow c Mills b Stephenson 2
P J Hartley lbw b Hemmings 23
S D Fletcher c Scott b Hemmings 1
C Shaw b Stephenson 31
Extras (b 1, lb 6, nb 1) 8
Total 337
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-37, 3-64, 4-143, 5-163, 6-203, 7-207, 8-257, 9-259.
BOWLING: Stephenson 31.5-7-91-3; Cooper 33-7-83-2; Mills 19-1-83-1; Hemmings 25-4-73-4.
Score after 100 overs: 302 for 9.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings
B C Broad lbw b Fletcher 1
*R T Robinson lbw b Hartley 6
P Johnson not out 69
D J R Martindale lbw b Hartley 0
D W Randall c Blakey b Shaw 12
J D Birch c Bairstow b Hartley 0
F D Stephenson c Bairstow b Shaw 10
†C W Scott not out 11
Extras (nb 1) 1
Total (6 wkts, 33 overs) 110
E E Hemmings, K E Cooper and D Mills to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-15, 3-23, 4-45, 5-50, 6-84.
Bonus points: Yorkshire 6, Nottinghamshire 4.
Umpires: D R Shepherd and A A Jones.

Straight out of Border country

By Ivo Tennant

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, lead Essex by 105 runs

As on Wednesday, so two batsmen scored the bulk of the runs yesterday. Allan Border made his fifth century of the season, worthily supported by Nasser Hussain, one of several young batsmen Essex have brought on in recent years.

Essex do not make too many mistakes when it comes to choosing overseas players. Now in his second season with them, Border is averaging more than 60 and batting as well as ever in adversity. It was the kind of innings he must have played numerous times for country as well as county, seeing off the new ball and then shepherding the lower order.

When Prichard was first out in the morning, caught at the wicket off Davis, Essex were 94 for five. Hussain came in ahead of the captain and appeared completely at ease on this worn pitch. His name is misleading. He was born in India but educated at Forest School, where Stuart Turner is coach, and is qualified for England.

He was lucky not to be out when, on 27, he gave a straightforward chance to Robinson, following through. Otherwise he and Border added 70 without undue difficulty against an attack which lacked Williams, who was still affected by damaged knee ligaments.

Hussain was dismissed soon after lunch, caught at short leg off Davis, who had less success when he tried out Border with some short stuff. His Caribbean compatriots will have quite a tussle with Border in Australia this winter. When Miller was out, vaguely aiming to leg-glance Robinson, the Australian captain proved equally adept at coping with defensive field placings.

He was then on 58 and succeeded in keeping Lever and then Ilott away from the strike for much of the remainder of the innings. He made 52 out of the last 67 runs, managing to place good-length balls through defensive fields. His century was made in 285 minutes with 15 fours.

Robinson eventually removed Ilott, giving Northamptonshire a lead of 45. The match was still more evenly poised when Geoff Cook went for a duck to Lever, angling the ball across him. Larkins was likewise taken at the wicket off Topley.

Wild struck three successive fours in Miller's first over before he was well picked up at silly point. Then Gouldstone went in similar fashion and in the same over Ripley was caught behind attempting to cut.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 283 (R G Williams 119, M R Gouldstone 71; G Miller 4 for 36).

Second Innings
*G Cook c East b Lever 0
W Larkins c East b Topley 2
A Fordham not out 27
D J Wild c Hussain b Miller 20
M R Gouldstone c Hussain b Miller 10
†D Ripley c East b Miller 0
N G B Cook not out 0
Extras (b 1) 1
Total (5 wkts) 60
R G Williams, W W Davis, A Walker and M A Robinson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-6, 3-39, 4-56, 5-58.

ESSEX: First Innings
†D E East c Fordham b Walker 17
J P Stephenson lbw b Davis 5
A W Lilley lbw b Walker 4
A R Border not out 110
T D Topley lbw b Walker 2
P J Prichard c Ripley b Davis 21
N Hussain c Fordham b Davis 45
*K W R Fletcher c Larkins b Robinson 1
G Miller lbw b Robinson 0
J K Lever run out 3
M C Ilott b Robinson 6
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 18) 24
Total (87.3 overs) 238
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-22, 3-37, 4-48, 5-94, 6-164, 7-167, 8-171, 9-192.
BOWLING: Davis 28-6-102-3; Walker 24-6-68-3; N G B Cook 17-6-29-0; Robinson 18.3-3-34-3.
Bonus points: Northants 6, Essex 7.
Umpires: B Leadbeater and A G T Whitehead.

Medlycott intervenes and Somerset falter

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Keith Medlycott, the Surrey left-arm spin bowler, took four wickets in 13 balls late in the day at Weston-super-Mare to cast serious doubts on Somerset's ability to make only 109 to win to record their third victory in four matches.

They resume today at 55 for four, with a lot depending on Roebuck, who kept one end secure while Somerset crumbled from 46 without loss to their present precarious state, as Medlycott, who took five for 55 in the first innings, sent back Hardy, Pringle, Waugh and the nightwatchman, Mallender.

As on the first day 17 wickets fell. Only three batsmen have passed 30 in the match, one of them the Somerset wicketkeeper, Burns, who squeezed 40 runs from the last three first innings wickets to gain the game's only batting point and a lead of 11, which could yet prove crucial.

Marks and Mallender were chiefly responsible for Surrey's dismissal for 119 in their second innings, Marks having a spell of three for three in seven deliveries when Surrey, having reached 55 for one, threatened to set a more testing target.

Their opening batsman, Clinton, who had retired hurt with a damaged thumb, returned at No. 9 in an effort to stretch the lead but was left 10 not out as Mallender made short work of his tailend partners.

At Eastbourne, it seems certain that a declaration will be needed to achieve a positive result in the match between Sussex and Hampshire after a second day dominated by two uncapped players. Ayling's 86 for Hampshire was his second highest score while Babington, with four for 70, was the pick of the Sussex bowlers. Sussex lead by 91.

Plans going ahead for annual championship

By Cathy Harris

The England selectors have named four teams to take part in a territorial tournament in Oxford late this month following the success of the inaugural women's county championship.

Pam Crain, the convener of the selectors, confirmed that individual performances during the territorial matches will determine the 14 team places for the World Cup, starting in Australia in November.

Cathy Mowat, the chairman of the Women's Cricket Association, expects the tournament to become an annual event. One of several highlights at Cambridge was the outstanding batting performances of Carole Hodges who resigned as England captain at the start of the season.

Hodges was dismissed once in four innings and averaged 293 for the week. Another highlight was for Audrey Collins, the president of the WCA, who was awarded an OBE.

WEST: K Hickes (East Midlands, capt); S Potter (West, vice-captain), E Bakewell, J Chesterfields, W Watson, J Williams, T Bennett, V Leaf (all East Midlands), T Britton, J Pump, B Daniels (West Midlands), M Frost, J Goodwin, C Handy (West).

NORTH: J Powell (capt), M-P Moore (vice-captain), J Aspinall, L Bunsley, C Cooke, D Mayhury, S Metcalfe, H Plumer, C Taylor, K Jobling, A Stinson (all Yorkshire), C Hodges, R Lupton, A Walkout (all Lancs and Cheshire).

EAST: K Brown (Kent, capt), J Wainright (East Anglia, vice-capt), J Chamelate, T Preece, M Lear, J May, M Morshar (all Kent), S Cook, C Wright, V Oliver (all Sussex), A Elder, S Kitson, G McDermitt (all East Anglia).

SOUTH: P Lovell, C Barrs, J Brittin, P Hells, S Robinson, G Davies (all Surrey), J Court, C Nolder, G Smith, H Stelker, L Nye, R Hegge, C Mowat, A Sterling (all Middlesex), J S — G Stock (Thames Valley).

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Somerset v Surrey

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset, with six second-innings wickets in hand, need 54 runs to beat Surrey

SURREY: First Innings 148 (N A Mallender 4 for 22).

Second Innings
G S Clinton not out 10
P D Atkins c Waugh b Jones 6
†A J Stewart lbw b Marks 13
D M Ward b Marks 28
Zahid Sadiq c Hardy b Marks 0
*I A Greig c Pringle b Marks 22
K T Medlycott c Waugh b Trump 21
M A Feltham lbw b Marks 2
C K Bullen lbw b Mallender 7
N H Peters c Pringle b Mallender 0
M P Bicknell c Hardy b Mallender 2
Extras (lb 4, nb 4) 8
Total 119
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-55, 3-55, 4-63, 5-99, 6-104, 7-116, 8-116, 9-117.
BOWLING: Jones 13-3-29-1; Mallender 16-5-18-3; Foster 4-0-18-0; Marks 20-7-41-5; Trump 7-3-9-1.

SOMERSET: First Innings
J J E Hardy b Greig 23
*P M Roebuck lbw b Greig 10
N J Pringle lbw b Greig 8
S R Waugh b Feltham 31
R J Bartlett c Bullen b Medlycott 25
†N D Burns lbw b Greig 35
V J Marks c Feltham b Medlycott 0
H R J Trump c Ward b Medlycott 4
N A Mallender c Ward b Medlycott 5
A N Jones c and b Medlycott 4
D J Foster not out 4
Extras (b 3, lb 6) 9
Total (61 1 overs) 159
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-45, 3-52, 4-107, 5-107, 6-111, 7-119, 8-129, 9-141.
BOWLING. Bicknell 7-2-20-0; Peters 4-0-16-0; Greig 20.1-4-40-4; Medlycott 24-10-55-5; Feltham 6-1-19-1.

Second Innings
J J E Hardy b Medlycott 26
*P M Roebuck not out 21
N J Pringle c Bullen b Medlycott 0
S R Waugh c Stewart b Medlycott 4
N A Mallender c Stewart b Medlycott 0
R J Bartlett not out 0
Extras (lb 4) 4
Total (4 wkts) 55
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-46, 3-50, 4-54.
Bonus points: Somerset 5, Surrey 4.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and R A White.

Sussex v Hants

EASTBOURNE: Sussex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 91 runs ahead of Hampshire

SUSSEX: First Innings 279 (A R Clarke 68* not out, A P Wells 56; J Ayling 4 for 57).

Second Innings
N J Lenham not out 38
N J Falkner c Scott b Bakker 4
*P W G Parker not out 12
Extras (lb 3, nb 8) 11
Total (1 wkt) 65
A P Wells, I J Gould, C M Wells, A C S Pigott, †P Moores, A R Clarke, R A Burning and A M Babington to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-18.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings
R J Scott lbw b Babington 5
C L Smith c Moores b Babington 0
*M C J Nicholas c Moores b Burning 20
V P Terry c Moores b Babington 53
D R Turner c Pigott b Babington 44
J Ayling c Pigott b Burning 86
K D James not out 17
S T Jefferies not out 11
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 2, nb 2) 11
Total (6 wkts dec, 85.5 overs) 253
†R J Parks, R J Maru and P J Bakker did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-11, 3-66, 4-108, 5-197, 6-236.
BOWLING: Clarke 15-8-27-0; Babington 23.5-8-70-4; Burning 21-5-65-2; C M Wells 13-1-47-0.
Bonus points: Sussex 5, Hampshire 7.
Umpires: D G L Evans and D O Oslear.

Second XI championship

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire 284 for 7 dec; Kent 251 for 9 dec (J I Longley 98, D J M Kelleher 44).
ROMFORD: Sussex 259 and 181 (M P Speight 72, A Van Lint 4 for 53); Essex 165 and 14 for 1.
DERBY: Nottinghamshire 289 for 8 dec and 40 for 1; Derbyshire 253 (C Adams 74, R J Finney 54).
TAUNTON: Gloucestershire 270 and 5 for no wkt; Somerset 406 (J G Wyatt 151, T Scriven 68, N A Felton 66 not out).
HARROW: Middlesex 400 for 6 dec; Northamptonshire 214 (P C R Tufnell 5 for 44) and 49 for 2.
LEICESTER: Warwickshire 291 for 9 dec and 155 for 3; Leicestershire 137 (J D Benson 51; A R K Pierson 4 for 27, A A Donald 4 for 62).

Standing going

Sussex are to release the batsman, David Standing, at the end of the season. Standing, born in Brighton, has been troubled by finger injuries since making his debut in 1983.

Play on all three days of Yorkshire's championship match against Somerset at Scarborough, on August 13, 15 and 16, will start at 10.30 a.m.

BOWLS

Successful return for Wood

By David Rhys Jones

Willie Wood, of Gifford, appeared pleased to be back at Queen's Park, Glasgow, yesterday, competing in the Dewar's national singles final stages for the first time since 1970. He established a 12-1 lead against the former junior champion, Robert Whannel, of Newton Steward.

Although Wood's progress was curtailed while Whannel staged a spirited recovery, the East Lothian man stamped his authority on the eighteenth end to score a full house of four shots leaving him in need of a single.

Accurate drawing to the jack was the hallmark of Brian Rattray's game, although he had a close call against Nicol House, of Gourock; the score was 21-14.

RESULTS: Singles: First round: A Marshall (Gorgie Mills) 21, I McBride (Castle Douglas) 15; G Robertson (Auchermuchty) 21, I Glazier (St Duthus) 11; T Campbell (Ayr Crooksmoss) 21, F Reader (St Vincent) 18; D Fletcher (Stenhousemuir) 21, G Lowe (Raploch) 6; J H Murray (Montrose) 21, M P Morton (Linthouse) 10; W W Wood (Gifford) 21, R Whannel (Newton Stewart) 17; F Stephenson (Aberchirder) 21, S Pagan (Headwest) 19; G Muir (Kingswood) 21, R Reid (Irvine Winton) 17; I Beattie (Davlot) 21, H Meechan (Kirkintilloch) 13; R Brunton (Easthouses) 21, J Tennent (Wellmeadow) 18; C Leaver (Strathmore) 21, G McKenzie (Shettleston) 18; J Blevins (Polmaise) 21, E van Null (Paisley) 7; B Rattray (Alva) 21, N House (Gourock) 14; R Grant (Overtown Waterloo) 21, T Mann, Jr (Gala Abbotsford) 12; J Aitken (K

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker given last chance to earn place

From Jenny MacArthur
Dublin

Michael Whitaker and his Olympic shortlisted horse, Fiona Amanda, will have a last chance to prove themselves for Seoul in the Nations Cup event at the Dublin Horse Show today.

Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, who is keen to keep Whitaker in the Olympic team, has included him in the squad for today, and left out Matthew Pyrah and Towerlands Anglezarke. "Pyrah's got nothing to prove and after Lismamarrow's accident at Hickstead I don't want to risk anything happening to Towerlands Anglezarke," Massarella said yesterday.

With Ireland likely to be without their top rider, Eddie Macken, whose horse, Carnaby Flight, has injured a leg, Britain's main rival today will be France, who are fielding three of their likely Olympic riders, Hubert Bourdy, Pierre Durand and Eric Navet. Bourdy underlined his form with a stylish win in yesterday's Jameson Whiskey Classic on Moët et Chandon Milou de Subligny.

David Broome, who has been placed in nearly every class, was the runner-up on his Olympic reserve horse, Queensway Lannegan, and Michael Whitaker produced one of the finest performances to date on the young Next Tees Hanover to finish third – ahead of Towerlands Anglezarke and the French European champion, Durand, on Jappeloup de Luze.

Harvey Smith's Brook Street Shining Example gave conclusive proof that he is now fully recovered from his virus by winning the earlier Jameson Whiskey top score competition.

In the show ring, Michael Hickey, one of Ireland's most experienced competitors, collected his sixth Dublin Horse Show Championship, on O'Shea, a five, whose quality and presence were matched by his manners.

RESULTS: Jameson Whiskey Classic: [illegible]

BOWLS

Successful return for Wood

By David Rhys Jones

Past finalists promise a strong display

By Gordon Allan

ATHLETICS

Sanderson may have to ignore doctor's advice and compete

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Tessa Sanderson had still not made up her mind yesterday whether she should compete in the Olympic trials in Birmingham this weekend against the advice of the doctor, who is treating her severely inflamed Achilles tendon in a Munich clinic.

Can Sanderson afford not to throw her javelin and hope that no one else achieves the Olympic qualifying mark? Only Sharon Gibson, apart from herself and Fatima Whitbread, has done an Olympic qualifying mark, with the advertised selection policy of first two in each event automatically going into the Olympic team. Whitbread, also injured, is likely to get the third, discretional place.

That particular lottery will not be resolved until tomorrow, the second day of the Olympic trials, sponsored by Kodak and TSB at Alexander Stadium. But the first round of an even more complex problem begins today with the men's 800 metres heats.

Britain is the strongest in depth of any athletics nation in the world at this event, with 12 men under the Olympic qualifying mark of 1min 46.8sec so far. That would seem a good reason for arguing that any three of them should thus acquit themselves well in Seoul.

But that is ignoring how many of the dozen have been towed round to fast times in the wake of faster winners, and it is also ignoring the right of runners such as Sebastian Coe and Peter Elliott to prove their capacity to double up in the Olympics.

Coe has done that with historic success in the last two Games, coming back with four medals; and Elliott is a world silver medal winner. But both are likely to run the 1,500 metres tomorrow, since the organizers were not sufficiently far-sighted to transfer the trial for one of these events to another date.

Coe, still the world record holder with his 1:41.73 in 1981, will hope that a 1:45.5 this year is sufficient to get him the third place, but Elliott hopes for the same with his 1:44.75. But the race itself should be interesting enough.

Tom McKean gave rise to all the suspicions of competitive frailty at the highest level when he put up a miserable performance against Said Aouita last week, reminiscent of his failure in Rome last year. And David Sharpe was quick to rub it in after beating McKean to second place behind Aouita.

But McKean beat Steve Cram easily enough in Nice, and seems comfortable against domestic opposition. Cram has chosen the 800 metres tonight, and he, McKean and Sharpe should be the principals, with Tony Morrell, Paul Herbert, Ikem Billy, Steve Heard and Gary Marlowe all edging towards tomorrow's final.

From an explosive situation to an explosive race, the two 100 metres finals will be contested tonight, with Linford Christie and Paula Dunn the outstanding favourites. But there should be tremendous competition for the placings in the men's race between John Regis, Mike McFarlane, Elliott Bunney, Lincoln Asquith, if he has recovered from injury, and Barrington Williams and Michael Rosswess.

Fiona May, the only British gold medal winner in the world junior championships, leads the long jump field in tonight's qualifying. May jumped a windy 6.88 metres, and a legal 6.83m in Canada. And it would be nice if Beverley Kinch could get back to the form of when she set the national record of 6.96 in Los Angeles.

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British athletes who have attained the Olympic qualifying standard in their events. Qualifying times, distances or points are in brackets.

** achieved last season but not in 1988.*

Men

100m (10.44sec): L Christie, J Regis, E Obeng (subject to obtaining British passport), B Williams, E Bunney, M Rosswess, M McFarlane*.
200m (20.84): J Regis, Christie, A Carroll.
400m (46.14): B Whittle, D Redmond, R Hunter, T Bennett, P Brown*.
800m (1min 45.8sec): A Morrell, P Elliott, S Coe, P Herbert, T McKean, D Sharpe, S Crabb, G Marlow, S Heard, I Billy, S Cram, A Douglas, M Edwards*, J Gladwin*, C McGeorge*.
1,500m (3min 38.5sec): Cram, Elliott, S Crabb, M Rowland, P Larkins, A Passey, Coe, N Horsfield.
5,000m: (13:33): P Davies-Hale, Rowland, T Hutchings, S Binns, S Mugglestone, G Staines, D Lewis, C Mochrie, J Richards, S Ovett*, J Buckner*.
10,000m (28:20): E Martin, S Harris, Lewis, C Thackery, M Galloway, M McLeod, Staines, A Bristow, Binns*.
110m hurdles (13:94): C Jackson, A Jarrett, D Nelson, J Ridgeon, H Teape, N Walker.
400m hurdles (50:24): K Akabusi, P Harries, M Robertson, M Briggs.
3,000m steeplechase (8:28): Rowland, E Wedderburn, R Hackney, T Hanlon, C Walker.
High jump (2.25 metres): D Grant, G Parsons.
Pole vault (5.45): No qualifier.
Long jump (7.85): M Forsythe, D Brown, S Faulkner, J King*.
Triple jump (16.80): J Herbert, J Edwards.
Shot (19.50): P Edwards.
Discus (61.50): No qualifier.
Hammer (72.00): D Smith, M Mileham.
Javelin (78.00): M Hill, M Roberson, D Ottley, S Backley, R Bradstock, J Clarke.
Decathlon (7,600 pts): A Kruger, D Thompson*.

Women

100m (11.54sec): P Dunn, S Jacobs, S-A Short.
200m (23.64): Dunn, Jacobs, Short, L Stuart, S Gunnell.
400m (52.74): L Keough, L Hall.
800m (2min 01.5sec): D Edwards, C Cahill, K Wade, S Bailey*.
1,500m (4:09): Cahill, Wade, Y Murray, E McColgan, B Nicholson, Bailey.
3,000m (9:03): Murray, McColgan, A Tooby, J Hunter, S McGeorge, J Shields, M Watson, W Sly, N Morris, C Benning*
10,000m (33.00): McColgan, S Tooby, A Toulouse*.
100m hurdles (13:44): Gunnell, W Jeal, K Hagger, L-A Skeete.
400m hurdles (58.04): E McLaughlin, Gunnell, J Pearson, S Laidlow, J Parker.
High jump (1.88 metres): D Davies, J Boyle, J Jennings, S Hutchings*.
Long jump (6.50): F May, M Berkeley, Hagger*, J Oladapo*
Shot (16.90): J Oakes, M Augee, Y Hanson-Nortey.
Discus (57.50): No qualifier.
Javelin (56.50): T Sanderson, F Whitbread, S Gibson.
Heptathlon (5,700 pts): J Mulliner, Hagger*.

TONIGHT'S BIG RACE

Listed are the main contenders for this evening's men's 100 metres which will decide who represents Britain in Seoul.

LINFORD CHRISTIE
Age 28, Thamesvalley Harriers
Personal best: 10.03sec (1987)
Career highlights: 1986 European indoor 200m and outdoor 100m champion; 1988 European indoor 60m champion; holder of UK 100m record.
Form: undefeated at 100m this year; heads UK rankings at 10.17sec. Olympic medal prospect.

JOHN REGIS
Age 21, Belgrave Harriers
Personal best: 10.37sec (1987 and 1988)
Career highlights: 3rd 1987 world championships 200m; holder of UK 200m record. **Form:** has equalled his best 100m time of 10.37; could finish second to Christie but remains a 200m specialist.

ELLIOT BUNNEY
Age 21, Edinburgh Southern Harriers
Personal best 10.20sec (1986)
Career highlights: 1985 European junior 100m champion. 5th 1986 Commonwealth 100m.
Form: yet to recapture his junior form of two years ago; but, with 10.40sec this season, a contender for the team.

MIKE MCFARLANE
Age 28, Haringey AC
Personal best: 10.22sec (1986)
Career highlights: 1979 European junior 200m champion; 1982 Commonwealth 200m champion (tied with Wells); 1985 European indoor 60m champion; 3rd 1986 Commonwealth 100m.
Form: ranks 8th in Britain this season with 10.49sec but a proven big-time competitor.

ALLAN WELLS
Age 36, Edinburgh Southern Harriers
Personal best: 10.11sec (1980)
Career highlights: 1978 Commonwealth 200m champion (2nd 100m); 1980 Olympic 100m champion (2nd 200m); 1982 Commonwealth champion at 100m and 200m (tied with McFarlane); former UK 100m and 200m record holder. **Form:** None. Has not raced 100m this year and has been suffering from tendinitis but should never be written off.

FINALS SCHEDULE

Today
MEN: 100m; discus.
WOMEN: 100m.

Tomorrow
MEN: 800m; 10,000m; 400m hurdles; 3,000m steeplechase; 10,000m walk; high jump; long jump; pole vault; hammer.
WOMEN: 400m; 800m; 3,000m; 400m hurdles; long jump; shot; javelin.

Sunday
MEN: 200m; 400m; 1,500m; 5,000m; 110m hurdles; triple jump; shot; javelin.
WOMEN: 200m; 1,500m; 10,000m; 100m hurdles; high jump; discus.

GOLF: THE TORRANCE FAMILY FINDS TWO HAPPY EVENTS TO CELEBRATE ON THE SAME DAY

So close: Sandy Lyle watches a putt stop on the rim at Fulford (Photograph: Andrew Varley)

Cooper setting his sights on a second Tour win

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Derrick Cooper and David Williams shared the lead following an eventful opening day in the Benson and Hedges International at Fulford, York. They each scored 67, one ahead of the group which includes Nick Faldo and Mark McNulty, as the leader board took on a typical first round look with Sandy Lyle, following a 70, amongst those concerned only with making a solid start.

Cooper, aged 33, is enjoying easily the best season of his career. His victory in the Madrid Open, in April, was his first on the PGA European Tour and he has so far earned £49,071 in official prize money, compared to £76,200 in his previous 16 years as a professional.

Now the first prize of £41,660 on offer this week is a realistic target for the Lancastrian, who gathered six birdies and an eagle three at the 11th, where he holed from 18 feet after reaching the green with a driver and a three wood.

Williams has still to win for the first time. He is getting closer judging by his three top ten finishes on the tour this season. Moreover he has the pedigree of a champion since his father, Freddie, is a former world speedway champion and his mother, Patricia Devries, was an Olympic skater.

He thoroughly deserved his 67 which included seven birdies. His game was sound from tee to green and at the 12th and 15th he had the good fortune to hole putts of more than 20 feet.

Winning, however, will not be easy with Faldo and McNulty snapping at his heels and Lyle, following an excellent effort in the afternoon when the wind blew harder, also poised to strike. Faldo had a pair of twos in another workmanlike round. He holed from ten feet at the third and he hit a six-iron to within one foot at the fifth.

Elsewhere Peter Baker and Richard Boxall could reflect on the unpredictable nature of their profession. Baker began his day at the office with three bogeys in four holes. He finished with two birdies and one eagle in his last four for a 68.

By contrast Boxall, five under par as he stood on the 12th tee, went 6-5-4-5-5-7 for a 75. In matchplay Boxall would have led four up after 11 holes and Baker would have won on the last green.

Sam Torrance withdrew only minutes before his scheduled starting time to travel north to Paisley where his girlfriend, Suzanne Danielle, gave birth to their first child, Daniel Robert. For Bob Torrance, Sam's father, it was a particularly happy day since he also coaches Cooper.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: D Williams, D Cooper. 68: C Parry (Aus), M McNulty (Zimb), P Baker, N Faldo, E Dussart (France). 70: D Llewellyn, N Coles, G Brand Jnr, M Pinero (S), A Johnstone (Zimb), P Kent, C O'Connor Jnr, J-M Olazabal (Sp), B Malley (US), S Lyle. 71: M Poxon, Philip Harrison, J Slaughter (US), H Baiocchi (SA), G J Brand, G Marsh (Aus), D A Russell, O Sellberg (Swe), P Walton, R Drummond, M Harwood, A Chamley, E Darcy.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	416	4	10	174	3
2	444	4	11	501	5
3	194	3	12	325	4
4	468	4	13	471	4
5	185	3	14	175	3
6	545	5	15	440	4
7	415	4	16	382	4
8	375	4	17	355	4
9	486	5	18	489	5
Out	3,498	36	In	3,311	36

Total yardage: 6,809 Par: 72

Shapcott ready to wipe clean a blot

By Patricia Davies

Susan Shapcott, the defending champion, was still on course for a record third successive victory in the English girls championship, sponsored by NatWest, after two comfortable wins at Long Ashton, Bristol, yesterday. In today's final she faces Helen Dobson, one of her lodgers from Lincolnshire this week, who beat Alison Johns, the other lodger, at the 19th in the semi-final.

Most juniors go into a match with Shapcott, who has already achieved more at senior level than golfers twice her age, knowing that they are unlikely to win. Dobson is different. She knows that she has the beating of Shapcott, having come out on top when they met in the semi-finals of the British girls last year, the only time they have met previously.

Yesterday, in autumnal, breezy conditions, Shapcott was taken to the 16th by Kirsty Speak, her semi-final opponent, the furthest she has been taken all week. She was always in control, however, which was not the case with Dobson, who had to come back from one down with one to play to beat Johns, her county colleague.

Of the four to reach the semi-finals, only Shapcott, who is too old, has not been included in the England side for the junior home internationals at Pyle and Kenfig on August 15 and 16. The other members of the side are Denise Adby, Joanne Berry and Lisa Walton, all of whom reached the quarter-finals, Alison MacDonald of Andover and Caroline Hall, aged 14, from the Filton Club in Bristol.

She had a birdie four at the 18th and a bit of luck at the 19th, where her second looked headed for a green side bunker but kicked round the corner and ended up at the back of the green. Dobson parred, but Johns missed, having left her first putt 10 feet short.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: S Shapcott (Knowle) bt D Adby (Ifield), 6 and 5; K Speak (Clithero) bt J Berry (Coxmoor), 6 and 5; A Johns (Boston) bt S Morgan (Kenilworth), 2 and 1; H Dobson (Seacroft) bt L Walton (Calcot Park), 3 and 2. **Semi-finals:** Shapcott bt Speak, 3 and 2; Dobson bt Johns, 19th.

HENBURY: English girls challenge trophy: Semi-finals: J Williamson (Hadley Wood) bt K Burton (Wimbledon Park), 3 and 1; C Solly (Temerden) bt J Hall (Heysham), 6 and 5. **Final:** Williamson bt Solly, 3 and 1.

England team

D Adby (Ifield), K Speak (Clithero), J Berry (Coxmoor), A Johns (Boston), H Dobson (Seacroft), L Walton (Calcot Park), A MacDonald (Andover), C Hall (Filton).

Wales win after fine recovery

By a Special Correspondent

Wales beat Ireland in the boys home international championship at Formby yesterday for the second year in succession and ninth time since fixtures began between the two countries back in 1972. They will today meet England for the title and the R and A trophy following the England success over the defending champions, Scotland.

But the Welsh victory was achieved, at the end of a nerve-racking afternoon, by 8-7, after they had shared the honours in the foursomes and then taken the singles by a point.

A brilliant recovery by Richard Johnson, aged 16, the son of the Cardiff club professional, Peter Johnson, in his match against Mark Risley, to secure a half, was absolutely crucial.

Johnson, named as reserve for Wales in the senior home internationals next month, was four down after five holes, knocked in a 35-foot putt at the sixth to avoid falling five behind and was still two down with four to play but managed to grab a share of the spoils.

Martin Proctor, aged 17, the Glamorgan junior champion from Caerphilly, had a successful debut by winning both his games, and James Grundy, at 15 the youngest member of the Welsh side, defeated Mark Coates by 3 and 2 in the singles.

RESULTS: Wales v Ireland (Wales names first): Foursomes: C Platt and S Edwards lost to P Harrington and N Kelly, 4 and 2; A Wesson and P Murphy lost to S Paul and M Risley, 4 and 3; R Johnson and R Evans halved with B Kinsella and R Conway; G Houston and C Evans bt G Murphy and B Meaney, one hole; M Proctor and N Allen bt D Stenson and B Galway, 4 and 3. **Foursomes result:** Wales 2½, Ireland 2½.

Singles: *Platt lost to Harrington, 3 and 2;* Wesson lost to Paul, 2 and 1; Johnson halved with Risley; P Murphy bt Kinsella, 3 and 1; Edwards lost to Conway, 2 and 1; Allen halved with Meaney; Houston halved with Stenson; J Grundy bt M Coates, 3 and 2; Proctor bt G Murphy, 3 and 2; R Evans bt Kelly, 4 and 3. **Singles result:** Wales 5½, Ireland 4½. **Match result:** Wales 8, Ireland 7.

Green thrives with aplomb of senior

By John Hennessy

Charlie Green, a Scottish golf stalwart for many years in various capacities, stole a handsome lead on the second day of the seniors amateur championship at the Royal Burgess club, Barnton. He recorded a round of 72, one over par, for a total 147.

Green has three strokes to spare over Bernard Meldrum, the overnight leader (79), and Clarence Moore, a retired American cattle rancher (77). These, however, are all in their sprightly 50s, whereas Richard Remsen, an American, 68 years young, lies only one stroke further back on 151 (75), after finishing with two superb threes.

After rounds over both Barnton and nearby Bruntsfield Links (also par 71), the 50 leaders, plus ties, play one further round at Barnton today.

Green played a featureless first half, if you pass quickly over his three putts at the first. It was a different matter entirely turning for home. Apart from the first and 18th every hole represented a stroke (or two) dropped or gained, notably at the short 16th. He put his tee shot there in a bunker and for the third time needed three putts.

The 16th (482 yards) offered him the chance of retribution, for he hit a magnificent eight-iron to three feet, but his attempt at the eagle was unconvincing. "It was the easiest putt on that green," he said, "and I quit on it, just dribbled it somewhere near the hole."

The 17th provided some fleeting consolation when he pitched in from 50 yards out after driving among the trees, but he ended disappointingly with three more putts on the 252 yards 18th.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES: 147: C W Green (Dunbarton), 75, 72. 150: B A Meldrum (Hallowes), 71, 79: C C Moore (US), 73, 77. 151: R Remsen (US), 76, 75; R Coogan (South Beds), 75, 76. 152: C Hartland (Huddersfield), 78, 74; I Hughes (Abergele and Pensarn), 73, 79. 153: R Esty (US), 79, 74; G J Clark (Whitley Bay), 79, 74; L G Taylor (Ranfurly Castle), 76, 77; J W Vickers (US), 78, 75; B Cawthray (Bradford), 79, 74. 154: G Edwards (Bromborough), 76, 78. 155: R McManus (US), 75, 80; H Swash (Hillside), 75, 80.

Invitations withdrawn

A Yorkshire pro-am charity tournament is to go ahead without three leading players next week. After protests from the Black Workers' Group, the Huddersfield-based Kirklees council announced yesterday that regretfully – in view of past charity work done by the sponsors – it had to withdraw its invitation to the men because they had played in South Africa.

The three are Howard Clark, Mark James and the Panasonic European champion, Paul Way, all of whom were in the final stages of the Open Championship last month.

The top prize for next Monday's tournament on the municipally owned Bradley Park course is only £450. The three men, who played in it last year, agreed to play again out of friendship for the club professional, Parnell Riley.

Earlier this week Atma Singh, chairman of the Black Workers' Group, protested that all three were on the blacklist of the United Nations Centre against Apartheid. He called on the council to stand by its own anti-apartheid policies by dropping them or calling off the tournament, which was to raise money for a local hospice.

FOOTBALL

Nicholas signs for Chelsea

Peter Nicholas, aged 28, of Aberdeen, the Welsh international midfield player, signed for Chelsea at a Dorking hotel in a £350,000 deal last night. Bobby Campbell, the manager, beat Southampton, Charlton Athletic, Coventry City and Crystal Palace.

Nicholas is his second signing since taking over from John Hollins – Kevin Hitchcock, the goalkeeper, who cost £250,000 from Mansfield, was the first.

Campbell said: "Peter is an inspirational player and will add invaluable experience to our squad." Nicholas said: "So much went on off the pitch last season that it virtually relegated Chelsea."

Gordon Strachan, the Scottish international, has decided to stay at Manchester United after being poised to sign for the French club, Lens. Strachan announced his decision today after learning of behind-the-scenes disputes at the French club.

The winger is ready to sign a new two-year contract at Old Trafford and is expected to go on the club's tour of Scandanavia starting tomorrow.

Everton suffered a blow yesterday with the news that the midfield general, Peter Reid, will miss the start of the season. Reid has failed to recover from a groin strain from last season and expects to be out of action for a month following an operation this weekend.

English amateur wins

Farmington, Pennsylvania (AP) – Sarah Nicklin, from Stourport, England, won a three-hole play-off against Christa Teno to win the Futures Golf Tour's $20,000 (about £11,750) Gallatin Bank Classic here.

Nicklin, a former Worcestershire champion who is on a golf scholarship at the University of Florida, is only the second amateur to win a tournament in the eight-year history of the tour.

She and Teno, a Canadian, were tied on level-par 216 after 54 holes, one stroke ahead of Rhonda Reilly, of the United States.

● COLUMBUS: Greg Norman and Jan Stephenson, of Australia, will play Isao Aoki and Ayako Okamoto, of Japan, in a $100,000 televised challenge match here in Ohio on August 22 (AP reports).

ROWING

Thunderstorm plays havoc with timetable

From Jim Railton
Milan

Racing was postponed for eight hours because of a thunderstorm after five repechages yesterday morning in the men's and women's world junior and lightweight world championships on the Idroscalo course here. The British must have felt at home.

As a consequence the timetable has been turned upside down. Today there will not only be semi-final rounds but also repechages.

The first British casualties yesterday were Michelle Lee and Sharon Noble in the junior women's double sculls. They finished fifth in their repechage. Great Britain's junior women's sculler, Adrienne Grimsditch, won her repechage and moved on to the semi-final.

Grimsditch controlled her race throughout, just ahead of Australia, with Japan in third place. The first three – only three took part – qualified for the semi-final.

So far Britain has three finalists. The women's lightweight coxless four and the women's junior eight have straight finals; and the junior men's coxless four, after a brilliant victory on Wednesday over Italy and Czechoslovakia, are through, too.

From now onracing will be fierce, and if the sun returns the humidity will be intense. Britain has high hopes of medals, particularly in the junior men's coxless four and coxless pairs.

RESULTS: Repechages: Women's junior double sculls (first to semi-finals): 1, Italy, 5min 53.61sec; 2, Sweden, 5:53.62; 3, Hungary, 5:58.40; 4, Great Britain, 6:12.30. **Single Sculls** (first three to semi-finals): 1, Great Britain, 5:58.65; 2, Australia, 6:01.36; 3, Japan, 6:11.50.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

CRYSTAL PALACE: Daily Mail Euro Bowl '88: Semi-final: Helsinki Roosters 35, Milan Frogs 33.

ATHLETICS

CRYSTAL PALACE: Representative match: 1, Southern Counties, 210pts; 2, Combined Services, 166; 3, Civil Service, 125; 4, Achilles, 99. **High jump:** M Powell (Achilles), 2.05m. **Pole vault:** N Clarke (Achilles), 4.30m. **Triple jump:** M McDonald (SC), 15.07m. **Shot:** N Gray (CS), 17.12m. **Discus:** P Mardle (CS), 58.18m. **Hammer:** J Byrne (SC), 61.76m.
VIAREGGIO, Italy: Men: 100m: 1, J Mills (Ghana), 10.55sec. **200m:** 1, S Tilli (It), 20.87sec. **400m:** 1, A McKay (US), 45.08. **400m hurdles:** 1, D Patrik (US), 50.70. **800m:** 1, J-L Barbosa (Br), 1:45.94. **1,000m:** 1, J Cruz (Br), 2min 17.85. **1,500m:** 1, M Deady (US), 3min 39.65. **5,000m:** 1, F Santanagiolia (It), 14min 27.39. **Pole vault:** 1, D Kenworthy (US), 5.50. **Long jump:** 1, M Koyal (Ken), 7.53m. **Women: 100m:** 1, E Ashford (US), 11.23. **800m:** 1, B Gourdel (Fr), 2min 2.04. **3,000m:** 1, A Possamai (It), 9min 20.65.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Chicago Cubs 3, New York Mets 1; Houston Astros 3, San Francisco Giants 2; Montreal Expos 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; St Louis Cardinals 4, Philadelphia Phillies 2; Atlanta Braves 4, San Diego Padres 2; Cincinnati Reds 7, Los Angeles Dodgers 4. **American League:** Boston Red Sox 5, Texas Rangers 4; Baltimore Orioles 8, Cleveland Indians 3; Seattle Mariners 8, California Angels 7; Minnesota Twins 5, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Kansas City Royals 2, Detroit Tigers 1; Milwaukee Brewers 6, New York Yankees 5 (11); Oakland Athletics 4, Chicago White Sox 3.

CYCLING

LISBON: Tour Of Portugal: Sixth stage (181km): 1, P Silva (Por), 4hr 07min 39sec; 2, C Moreira (Por), 4:07:43; 3, F Cerveiho (Por), 4:07:45; 4, C Theaksson (GB), same time. **Standings:** 1, A Martinez (Sp), 22hr 15min 30sec; 2, L Sequeira (Por), at 02:34; 3, D Assuncao (Por), at 03:01.

COPENHAGEN: Tour of Denmark: Second stage (198km): 1, H Frison (Bel), 4hr 58min 8sec; 2, R Soerensen (Den); 3, P Rosola (It), same time.

LINCOLN: Michelin City Centre: 1, J McLoughlin (Z-Peugeot); 2, C Walker (Raleigh-Banana); 3, C Lillywhite (Raleigh-Banana). **LEICESTER: Track championships: women's** 15km points final: 1, S Hodge (VC Aylsham), 53pts; 2, C Langley (Solihull CC), 29; 3, J Harris (Team Haverhill), 10.

BOXING

ADELAIDE: Commonwealth light-welterweight championship (12 rounds): Lester Ellis (Aus) bt Tony Laing (GB, holder), pts.

CRICKET

SWANSEA: Glamorgan Centenary match: (40 overs): Rest of the World XI 255-9 (M J Greenbatch 95, D M Jones 89); Glamorgan 208 (Maninder Singh 4-32).
NYCA UNDER-19 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Hertfordshire 125, Cambridgeshire 125-5; Hertfordshire 250 (Herath 94, Smith 57, Donnison 6-63). Suffolk 179; Buckinghamshire 160-9 (Whittaker 68 not out). Hertfordshire 161-3 (Dymond 89 not out).

FOOTBALL

VIENNA: Exhibition match: Austria 0, Brazil 2.
BERN: Philips Cup tournament: Everton 2, Cruzeiro Belo Horizonte 1.
CAMPINAS, Brazil: Libertadores Cup, group five: Local Guarani 4, Sport Recife 1; (at Lima, Peru): Universitario 2, Alianza Lima 0. (at Cali, Colombia): America Cali (Col) 0, Nacional Montevideo (Uru) 0. America win group.

GOLF

PERTH: Golf Foundation-Nat-West age group championship: Section winners: Boys: under 16: W Park (Royal Aberdeen), 79. under 15: B Collier (Callander), 76. under 14: M Neil (Stirling), 77. under 13: A Cooper (Aberfeldy), 83. **Girls: under 16:** C Macdonald (Elgin), 80.

MODERN PENTATHLON

WARSAW: Women's world championships: *Riding (individual):* 1, N Hugenschmidt (Fr), 1,100pts; 2, E Fjellerup (Den), 1,100; 3, S Krapf (WG), 1,100. **Team standings:** 1, France, 3,240pts; 2, Poland, 3,210; 3, Austria, 3,174.

SNOOKER

HONG KONG MASTERS TOURNAMENT: Preliminary round: S Davies (GB) bt Ma Tak-man (HK), 3-0; W Thorne (GB) bt K Kwok (HK), 3-2; N Foulds (GB) bt F Chan (HK), 3-0; A Meo (GB) bt S Tong (HK), 3-2; J White (GB) bt P Sut-mng (HK) 3-1; D Taylor (GB) bt I Li (HK), 3-0; J Parrott (GB) bt L Hon-man (HK), 3-0; T Griffiths (GB) bt C Chor-kwan (HK), 3-0.

SWIMMING

COVENTRY: Esso national age-group championships: Boys: 12 and under: 4 x 50m freestyle: Salford SSS, 2min 0.58sec. 14: 200m medley: J Randell (City of Birmingham), 2:16.33. 15: 100m freestyle: M Hanby (Nova Centurion), 53.21. 200m butterfly: C Robinson (Killerwhales), 2:08.84. 16: 400m freestyle: I Wilson (Borough of Sunderland), 4:00.77. 200m breaststroke: A Murdock (Nova Centurion) 2:27.65. **Girls: 12:** 100m freestyle: D Palmer (Killerwhales), 1:01.64. 400m freestyle: V Horner (Gateshead Metro), 4:42.40. 4 x 50m medley: Harrogate District, 2:17.30. 14: 200m butterfly: J Dowling (Bobcats), 2:24.54. 800m freestyle: S Forgan (City of Newcastle), 9:16.67. 15: 100m freestyle: J Lancaster (Warriors of Warrington), 59.67. 4 x 50m freestyle: City of Chester, 1:53.32. 16: 800m freestyle: E Arnold (Nottingham Northern), 8:52.38. 16: 100m backstroke: J Wood (Nova Centurion), 1:07.97. 800m freestyle: C Horton (Edinburgh), 9:04.98.

TENNIS

KITZBÜHEL: Austrian open tournament: First round: **Men's singles:** A Mancini (Arg) bt R Osterthun (WG), 7-6, 6-3; F Davin (Arg) bt L Pimek (Cz), 6-1, 6-2; M Vagle (Cz) bt M Jaite (Arg), 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; M Srejber (Cz) bt C Miniussi (Arg), 6-1, 7-5; S Casal (Sp) bt W Kowalski (Pol), 6-2, 7-5; K Carlsson (Swe) bt M Narducci, 6-1, 6-1; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-3, 6-4; E Sanchez (Sp) bt F Cancellotti (It), 6-4, 6-2; C Allgardh (Swe) bt F Luna (Sp), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; H Leconte (Fr) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-2, 6-2. **Second round:** J Aulera (Sp) bt G Vilas (Arg), 7-6, 6-1; T Smid (Cz) bt G Bloom (Isr), 7-5, 3-6, 6-2. **Third round:** T Muster (Austria) bt C Pistolesi (It), 6-4, 6-1; K Carlsson (Swe) bt S Casal (Sp), 6-2, 6-2; L Mattar (Brz) bt F Davin (Arg), 6-3, 6-3.

SAN DIEGO: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): J Durie bt C MacGregor, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; S Rehe bt A Gavaldon (Mex), 6-0, 7-5; D Graham bt E Helgeson, 6-0, 6-0; R Fairbank (SA) bt D van Rensburg (SA), 7-5, 6-1; G Magers bt E Krapl (Switz), 6-1, 6-7, 6-3; J Santrock bt C Singer (WG), 6-1, 6-2.

INDIANAPOLIS: United States men's hardcourt championship (US unless stated): **Second round:** J Connors bt P Aldrich (SA), 6-2, 6-0; J McEnroe bt D Cassidy, 7-6, 6-1; T Wilkison bt S Youl (Aus), 7-5, 6-7, 6-2; B Gilbert bt J Brown, 7-6, 6-4; R Leach bt J Lozano (Mex), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; M Robertson bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-0, 6-0; Y Doumbia (Sen) bt G Fallis, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

ILKLEY: Open championship: Men's singles: *Quarter-finals:* D Bishop (Yorkshire) bt R Mathieson, (Sco), 7-6, 6-3; I Blakeman (Yorkshire) bt P French (Avon), 6-3, 6-1; S Heron (Yorkshire) bt G Henderson (Yorkshire), 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; U Ngangs (Norfolk) bt G Drake (Devon), 6-4, 7-6. **Women's singles:** *Semi-final:* J Louis (Devon) bt S Longbottom (Yorkshire), 6-3, 6-0; S Goodman (Ferry) bt L Nimmo (Warwickshire), 6-1, 6-4.

YACHTING

PENZANCE: National laser championship: 1, T Powell (Bewl Valley), ¾pt; 2, H Cisneros (Reading), 2; 3, J Moore (Datchet), 3; 4, J. Loosemoore (Aus), 4; 5, C Tillyer (Midland), 5. **Overall:** 1, A Brown (Stokes Bay), 11¾pts.

ALTMUHLSEE, West Germany: Tapper world championship: Fifth race: 1, A Carter (GB); 2, D Deggs (GB); 3, P Wiesner (WG). Sixth race: 1, E Rosemann (WG); 2, U Wendler (WG); 3, A Neville (GB). **Overall:** (5tr races, one discard): 1, Carter; 2, Deggs; 3, Rosemann; 4, Wendler; 5, Wiesner; 6, C Mitchell (GB).

New formula

Martin Donnelly, of Ulster, will replace the Swede, Thomas Danielsson, in the Q8 Team Ford Formula 3000 team for the rest of the season. He will partner the Briton, Johnny Herbert, in a Reynard 88D and his first race will be at Brands Hatch on August 21.

CYCLING

Race of truth earns gold for Walshaw

By Peter Bryan

Jon Walshaw, a first-year professional and the best under-22-year-old rider in the 1987 Milk Race, produced the first big upset in the national track championships at Leicester yesterday by defeating the defending champion, Dave Miller, in the four-race omnium competition.

The gold medal was decided, appropriately, by the one-kilometre time-trial – the race of truth – the last event in the series. Miller was level with Phil Thomas on points before the start of the event and it appeared that one or the other could win the gold.

Only eight of the original 12 riders bothered to go to the line. Walshaw, starting at fifth, reminded us of his consistent amateur performances with an outstanding time of 1min 10.992sec. Before he rode he was lying third overall, four points behind the two leaders, but suddenly he was in the running for the main award.

Miller, dejected because his preparation had been affected by a broken wrist (his left arm was still in plaster), did not look comfortable and was slower than Walshaw at the five intermediate time checks and recorded 1min 13.575sec for the full distance.

The title hinged on Thomas's ride but he must have known that he would be racing Miller for silver rather than Walshaw for gold. He was slower than the defending champion until the final 160 metres. Where Miller had started to flag, Thomas managed a final sprint and finished in 1min 12.600sec to take the silver.

SNOOKER

Rothmans fuming over new European event

By Steve Acteson

Norwich Union have linked arms with Barry Hearn, the leading promoter of snooker, to sponsor a European grand prix with events in Belgium, France, Spain and Italy before a grand final in Monte Carlo next December.

The venture, launched in Paris yesterday, will feature only Hearn's stable of eight players, which includes Steve Davis, the world champion, and Jimmy White and Neal Foulds, rated second and third in the world respectively.

But the news has caused consternation at Rothmans, one of snooker's most lavish sponsors, who, for the last two years, have sponsored Hearn's Rothmans Matchroom League. The continuing sponsorship of this, and perhaps the League itself, is in jeopardy.

Although the League and the new Grand Prix have different formats, there are obvious clashes of interest, not the least of which concerns the fact that both use European locations with largely the same players.

Rothmans do not want competition in this particular field and are unhappy that Hearn neither consulted them over the use of the term 'grand prix' nor informed them of his intention to run a new European venture.

Brian Roach, a spokesman for Rothmans, said pointedly: "We have just ended our two-year contract with Matchroom and have not yet signed another. We were not aware of Hearn's new plans and feel we might have been consulted.

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Board must get back on medals track

COMMENTARY

David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

The most important event of the Kodak/TSB Olympic trials takes place not today, tomorrow or on Sunday at the Alexander Stadium, but in a Birmingham hotel on Monday morning when the selectors will confront the British Board council and its perverse, misdirected selection policy. There is every possibility that six members of the selection committee will emphatically win a tug of war against the seventh, Ewan Murray, who is chairman of the board.

It must certainly be hoped they will win. The board's decision, taken against the advice of all specialist opinion, is, though legitimate to a degree, a policy which is potentially destructive to Britain's prestige and the Olympic Games.

Murray's challenge to any selector who disagrees with the policy — the first two past the post to qualify — to resign, aimed primarily at Frank Dick, the national chief coach, was an appallingly inept piece of management and public relations. Five of the selectors — Dick and the four team managers — are those who will be closest to the teams in Seoul.

Equally inept has been the regular pronouncements by Tony Ward, spokesperson for the British board who has triple-jumped from one Press statement to another in defence of a discreditable policy. There must be no room for sentiment, Ward has trumpeted.

Those athletes least looking for sentiment are the most experienced, most realistic of competitors, previous medal winners in international competition: some of whom, such as Cram, Coe, Backner, Sanderson and Whitbread, face exclusion from the Games on account of the board's policy.

There were three reasons why the board may have adopted their miscalculated plan for selection trials, none of them confirmed, all of them likely: the alleged failure of the elite pre-selection system at last year's world championships in Rome; the wish to give those able but less prominent competitors an unequivocal route to selection and the valued Olympic privilege of taking part; and, critically, the need to boost the televised AAA championships into a major event at which all the top competitors would be obliged to be present.

The board deny the latter reason, even though Richard Russell, of ITV, sits on the promotions committee. If ITV did not specifically suggest the trials, it certainly demanded the weekend three-day schedule which prohibits middle-distance doubling-up.

ITV has spent £10 million on securing domestic athletics coverage, and the hype preceding today's meeting has steadily grown to fever pitch. This week's Press release from the board's publicity office significantly begins: "British athletes this week contemplate the greatest and most important domestic meeting since the war."

The most important, that is, for all but those who have the best chance of winning medals in Seoul and earning Britain's prestige; and whose minutely detailed, sensitively scheduled preparations are compromised, if not fundamentally damaged, by having to produce an artifical peak six weeks before the Games, something which is less of an impediment to lesser athletes.

The unarguable fact is that any nation has only a handful of exceptional competitors with that rare combination of ability and character, of technique and mental resolution, that withstands Olympic competition to win a medal: and then all the rest. To promote the interests of the rest above that of the potential medal winners is strangely short-sighted, for it is the medal winners who ultimately establish the prosperity and standards of the sport, who establish the prestige that television subsequently wishes to buy. ITV will have not the slightest future interest in some of those competitors whom the circumstances of the trials will send to Seoul, by the accident of one result on one particular day.

Potential medal winners are a precious commodity, and it is paramount that they should be given every consideration and assistance; far more than those who will make the team and then finish, with dignity, out of sight in Seoul. It is absurd of Ward to say, on television on Tuesday night, that competitors should be selected only by the measuring tape, and that if Backner is not fit, "there are three great athletes waiting to take his place". That is demonstrably untrue. Ward talks of old lions (redundant, he presumes) and young awaiting cubs: the sentiment is his, not the selectors'.

In spite of the failure of Cram, Thompson and McKean in Rome, Britain finished fourth in the world, one place better than in the first world championships in Helsinki. The last time the present selection policy was used, for the 1976 Olympic Games, Britain achieved one bronze medal, by Brendan Foster.

The present system, if rigidly maintained, will not send any useless athletes to Seoul, but to win medals Britain must send its established elite. And may not, whatever the elite do or do not achieve in Birmingham. Not to send them will be a calamity for the individual, for the sport and for Britain.

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END COLUMN

Coach barred from poolside

By Steven Downes

The 38 swimmers in Britain's Olympic team leave today for a two-week training camp in Marseille, France, to hone their fitness towards the peaks which will be demanded in Seoul. Meanwhile, the coach to one member of the team has been forced to stay at home, not because of lack of finance or sponsorship, but because the team management has made it clear that his presence there would not be welcome.

Paddy Hayes is the man who has turned Kevin Boyd over from backstroke and into Britain's best front crawl distance swimmer. Boyd, from the Borough of South Tyneside Club, is the British record holder and has been selected for the 400 and 1,500 free-style events in Seoul where, if he performs up to the promise he showed at the beginning of this summer, he could be one of Britain's handful of Olympic finalists.

Hayes, aged 57, has been coaching swimmers, including a number of internationals, for three decades. "For three years, Kevin and I have been working towards him winning a medal at the Olympics," Hayes says, "and at the most crucial time, he is taken away out of my hands. That's not conducive to fast swimming or to winning medals."

Council's funding under a cloud

Hayes's employers, the local council, had arranged for a £500 sponsorship from a local printing firm to send the coach to France, but two weeks ago Hayes's request to attend the camp received a categorical "no" from Gerry Thain, the team manager.

That rejection "hurt me a bit" Hayes says, and it has also put the council's substantial funding of the swimming programme under a cloud. "They feel slighted, too" Hayes says.

Hurt and slighted, but not surprised. Hayes was encouraged to request to attend the camp by one of the six staff coaches who will be accompanying the team, but Hayes was reluctant: "I had a gut feeling that they'd turn me down." Precedent also indicated that he would receive a negative response: In 1984, Mike Higgs, the flamboyant coach of Olympic-medal winner, Sarah Hardcastle, had to battle against the British team officials in order to obtain accreditation to be with his swimmer in Los Angeles.

It is a conflict between coaches and administration which occurs all too often in British swimming, but things do seem to be changing. At the suggestion of the coaches, the timetable of last week's TSB National Championships in Leeds was unusually structured, with heats in the evening and the finals at lunchtime the following day, mimicking the programme in Seoul.

Hayes's abortive trip to Marseille

Also at Leeds, the British Swimming Coaches' Association carried out a quick poolside poll which drew some interesting results in view of Hayes' abortive trip to Marseille. Thirteen leading coaches, many with several swimmers who made the British team, were asked a two-part question: Should coaches of Great Britain's selected swimmers be allowed to accompany their swimmers (a) at training camps; (b) at meets?

The response to (b) was unanimously in favour. On (a), 10 voted for, three against. All three dissenters are British team staff coaches.

At the announcement of the British team earlier this week Thain defended the present policy of not allowing individuals' coaches on to pool-side at camps, saying: "It is essential that the team is working as a unit and working with a group coach. We feel that there is not a place there for individual coaches for all of that period. We do already have a large coaching staff."

In the past week, the team management does seem to have been treading water on the subject. Thain has sent a letter to all involved coaches saying they would be welcome to visit at Crystal Palace, when the team trains there before leaving for South Korea, and Hickson has been in touch with all the coaches, including Hayes, asking for their advice and suggestions.

Young trio adds a twist to the old, old story

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

THE OVAL (England won toss): England have scored 203 for nine wickets against West Indies

Any England supporter convincing himself that the present is dead and only the future matters might have left the Oval last night feeling faintly encouraged. The majority, anxious to see the present series end with a genuine contest, will have gone home thoroughly downhearted.

For all the succour offered by the disciplined batting of three relative novices in Curtis, Bailey and Smith, England ended the opening day of the final Cornhill Test in familiar strife. The groundsman, Harry Brind, true to his promise, has produced the best pitch of the series and England are about 150 short of a competitive score.

There were stages when the spring-like optimism which comes with a fresh young side looked as if it might be justified. Curtis and Bailey added 65 for the second wicket, Bailey and Smith 39 for the third, Smith and Capel 39 for the fifth. But each time the bat threatened to control the ball, this relentless West Indian attack pulled England back as if they were a mischevious dog on a strong lead.

Ambrose, a bowler of impressive control, dismissed three of the top five to increase his score for the series to 21. Marshall, getting into the action unusually late, took two more to equal the West Indian record for wickets in a series. Even the off-spin of Harper, previously exercised by only two overs in this series, claimed three wickets in a long spell from the pavilion end.

Smith, playing only his second Test, sustained English hopes for almost four hours. It was a dedicated, teeth-gritting innings, flowering only spasmodically into the belligerance for which he is known but, in the day's penultimate over, he was cut down for 57. His dismissal, caught at slip off a glove which appeared to have been withdrawn from the bat, was a shade contentious but Smith should be consoled by the certain knowledge that he has booked his winter in India.

The same should be said of Curtis and Bailey. They scored only 30 and 43 respectively, hardly grounds for a lap of honour in normal circumstances. This summer, however, circumstances have been anything but normal and, given the siege which seems permanently placed on the England dressing-room, they coped admirably.

Curtis was soon having to do without his captain and senior partner. Gooch, having chosen to bat on a sunlit morning, was undone by the extra bounce generated by Ambrose on this firm pitch. In trying to play the ball down, he contrived only to loop it gently to short leg.

Once the hardness had left the ball, however, there was little assistance for the quick bowlers and three hooked fours by Curtis, two of them from consecutive balls by Marshall, indicated a lack of pace in the pitch. Bailey, whose first instinct is invariably to get forward, showed that he is no mug on the back foot and by lunchtime there were some contented smiles on an England balcony which briefly contained the figure of Mike Gatting.

A modest spell from Marshall in early afternoon suggested that the West Indies might be ailing. We should have known better. Benjamin found the outside edge of Curtis's bat with an inswinger. He had batted 2½ hours and was out at a time when he looked particularly secure. For England's batsmen, that has been the way of it all summer.

Smith made a grand entrance, fiercely hooking his first ball for four, then on-driving the next for three. It was not, as it turned out, the signal for an assault but it was the mark of a man who already looks at ease at this level.

Bailey fell in the last over of the session, his footwork lacking against a ball of no particular menace. Maynard was at least excused until after tea but it clearly did nothing for his nerves. He awkwardly negotiated a bouncer first ball, was almost run out from his second and was dropped at short leg off his third. Three runs from a gift full toss failed to calm him and when Ambrose dropped short again he flashed instinctively and was caught behind.

Around this time, Smith was utterly becalmed, managing only one run in an hour. He finally emerged to prosper against Harper, whose action still looks stiff and robotic. Two successive fours made Smith only the fifth Englishman to reach 50 in the series but just when it seemed Harper would have to be replaced, he dismissed Capel and Richards in consecutive overs.

Richards did no more than he had at Headingley to support the quaint notion that he should play ahead of Russell on his bating ability. Pringle, still too high at No 8, was so bamboozled by Marshall that he tried to leave the field through the wrong gate. DeFreitas gloved the spinner to silly point and Smith's demise completed a miserable hour in which five wickets fell for 38.

England won toss

ENGLAND
First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
*G A Gooch c Logie b Ambrose	9	–	2	35	25
T S Curtis c Dujon b Benjamin	30	–	4	155	121
R J Bailey c Dujon b Ambrose	43	–	3	203	144
R A Smith c Harper b Marshall	57	–	8	210	162
M P Maynard c Dujon b Ambrose	3	–	–	8	6
D J Capel c Marshall b Harper	16	–	2	49	40
†C J Richards c Logie b Harper	0	–	–	5	4
D R Pringle c Dujon b Marshall	1	–	–	17	16
P A J DeFreitas c Haynes b Harper	18	–	2	31	26
N A Foster not out	5	–	1	13	8
N J Childs not out	0	–	–	5	5
Extras (lb 6, nb 15)	21				
Total (9 wkts, 90 overs)	203				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-77, 3-116, 4-121, 5-160, 6-160, 7-165, 8-196, 9-198.
BOWLING: Marshall 24-3-62-2 (nb 3); Ambrose 20-6-31-3 (nb 8); Walsh 10-1-21-0 (nb 6); Benjamin 14-2-33-1; Harper 21-7-50-3; Hooper 1-1-0-0.

WEST INDIES

C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, C L Hooper, *I V A Richards, A L Logie, †P L J Dujon, R A Harper, M D Marshall, C E L Ambrose, W K M Benjamin, C A Walsh.

Umpires: H D Bird and K E Palmer.

The Test on TV

CRICKET: BBC2 10.55 a.m.-1.05 p.m., 1.35-6.10 p.m. (includes golf). Highlights: 11.15 p.m. BBC1 1.50-4.10 p.m.
WEATHER: Cloudy start with drizzle; sunny spells developing; wind south-west, light to moderate; warmer, maximum temperature, 20-23 °C (68-73 °F).

The drive to succeed: Smith in determined mood yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Lawyers may veto Oval plan

By Andrew Longmore

It might not have seemed like it yesterday as a capacity crowd bathed in exceptional sunshine and watched an unexceptional England collapse, but these are desperate times for the Oval.

Legal problems could yet stop Surrey from going ahead with the £5.8 million development which will ensure Test cricket at the ground, Raman Subba Row, the chairman of Surrey's management board, warned. With the "Save the Oval" appeal still £750,000 short of its £1 million target and only a few weeks to go before a decision on whether the development at the pavilion end should begin, the club's lawyers might use their veto if there is a significant shortfall.

Subba Row said yesterday that the fund would need to top the £500,000 mark before the lawyers would be satisfied that there was no financial risk to the club's members.

"These are dangerous times for the ground, make no mistake. We have to make a decision before the end of this month," he said.

Though there was no overt fund-raising going on at the ground on the first day of the Test — apart from a huge banner proclaiming the appeal from the historic gas holder, behind the scenes the cap was very much in hand.

"We have tackled all the long-term box-holders and the members and we are now pulling out all the stops in trying to get donations from other companies and individuals," Subba Row added. "But if we don't start developing soon, the Board will be looking very closely at the state of the ground to see if we are suitable for Test cricket.

"We have not set any target for money to be raised from this match. But it's obviously the best publicity that we get every year."

Subba Row is hoping that £150,000 grant from the Sport's Council might just tip the balance. "It's just a matter of getting that stone over the top of the hill."

Gatting not likely to contest fine

Mike Gatting is unlikely to contest the record £5,000 fine imposed by the Test and County Cricket Board on Wednesday. The former England captain has 28 days to appeal against the punishment.

Gatting — found guilty of breaching his tour contract for writing about last winter's events in Pakistan — spent yesterday morning watching play at the Oval. When asked about the disciplinary committee's verdict, he said: "I have *nothing to say at the moment.*" But when pressed about the likelihood of an appeal, he added: "I shouldn't think so."

Austin plans singles return

From Barry Wood, San Diego

Tracy Austin, the former world No. 1 tennis player, is preparing to make a comeback to full-time singles after an absence of nearly five years. Now aged 25, seven years on from her last US Open title win, she said yesterday: "It was always in my mind that I would come back. There wasn't one day when I didn't think that I would."

After competing with Robin White, her fellow-American, in a Virginia Slims first-round doubles match here, Austin explained: "I really got a strong desire at Wimbledon to play again and my body was finally getting healed."

Austin is the only player, other than Steffi Graf, to reach world No. 1 during the dominant reign of Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert. Twice a Wimbledon semi-finalist, she became the youngest player to win the US Open at the age of 16 years and nine months in 1979.

Although losing 7-6, 6-4 to Betsy Nagelsen and Dinky Van Rensberg yesterday, Austin looked alert and showed no signs of the back injury that interrupted her career in 1983.

She attempted a comeback in 1984 but it lasted only two tournaments, both ending in second-round defeats.

She intends to play doubles again next week and partner Ken Flach in the mixed doubles at the US Open later this month. Then she will turn her mind to singles. "I know I still have a long way to go and there's a lot of room for improvement, but I'm excited," she said.

In the singles here, Britain's Jo Durie defeated Cammy MacGregor 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 to reach the quarter-finals.

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● The world No. 1, Steffi Graf, will compete in the World Championship Series tournament at the Brighton Centre from October 23 to 30. The Wimbledon champion, from West Germany, won the Brighton tournament in 1986, beating Sweden's Catarina Lindqvist.

Wimbledon are put in the dock once again

The FA Cup winners, Wimbledon, have been ordered to make yet another appearance before an FA disciplinary commission to explain their poor disciplinary record last season.

A suspended fine of £5,000 imposed last year has been activated and they face further punishment at Lancaster Gate, on November 28, when club officials will be asked to explain last season's bookings and sendings-off.

The club has been ordered to explain a bad record after each of the past eight seasons. Last year they were fined £3,000 and given a £5,000 suspended fine.

Portsmouth, who also appeared before the FA recently to explain their 1987-88 record, have had £1,000 of a £2,000 suspended fine from 1986-87 activated and have been given a further £1,000 suspended fine. Blackpool have been fined £2,000 for their poor record last season.

● Newport County, the former fourth division club, today lost their Somerton Park ground as bailiffs moved in to repossess it on behalf of the local borough council, which is owed £23,000 in rent arrears. Staff of the club were evicted and the ground was locked up.

But the club's three London-based directors say it will continue and their spokesman, Maurice Salway, said: "Football will continue in Newport no matter what hurdles must be overcome." Yesterday the former Welsh international, John Mahoney, took over as manager.

● Paul Stewart and Paul Gascoigne, Tottenham Hotspur's big-money summer signings, will return from a tour of Sweden today to receive a "pay up or else" warning from the FA, because they still owe fines imposed on them for misconduct last season.

Highlights are next dilemma in TV battle

The unprecedented split of televised FA Cup and League football action between the BBC and ITV looks poised to create several interesting dilemmas

Where, for example, will the BBC obtain clips of League action from for their Saturday lunchtime *Football Focus* and how will ITV lay their hands on FA Cup highlights for their equivalent *Saint and Greavsie* show?

John Bromley, the head of ITV Sport, said yesterday: "We have not addressed the problem yet and we won't until Monday when the contract is rubber-stamped. But presumably we might want some FA Cup action for Saint and Greavsie and I'm sure we will sit down with the BBC and discuss the subject."

Another ITV insider said: 'It's a little early to say what will happen but it is very unlikely that we would sell the BBC pictures of Football League matches."

SPORT IN BRIEF

French hit tour plans

Paris (AFP) — South Africa's hopes of organizing a rebel Rugby Union tour by an unofficial World XV took a new blow yesterday when Albert Ferrasse, the French federation president, announced that he had persuaded his players not to go.

That left the South African organizers with only one firm acceptance to the individual invitations they sent out. Ian Williams, of Australia, has gone to Johannesburg against the advice of his Government, but though other Australian players were said to be tempted, few of the world's top players are likely to join him.

Squash clash

England have arranged a squash fixture with Finland, ranked third in Europe, for Welwyn Garden City on August 15. The team will be selected from the Reebok youth squad.

Laing: loses title

Laing deposed

Adelaide (Reuter) — Tony Laing, of Britain, lost his Commonwealth light-welterweight boxing title when outpointed by Lester Ellis, of Australia, yesterday.

Kelly's ride

Sean Kelly, the world No. 1 cyclist, will be riding for the Sportlife team in the Kellogg's Tour of Britain next week. The Irishman, who is looking to extend his lead at the top of the world rankings, will be eager to atone for his disappointing performance in the Tour de France, when he finished 62nd. Stephen Roche, is also riding in the Tour of Britain, which starts in Newcastle on August 9 and finishes in Westminster on August 14.

Living apart

Seoul (AP) — Athletes from such warring nations as Iran and Iraq will be housed as far apart as possible in the Olympic village, and each of the village's 82 buildings will have its own separate security, officials said. The village is expected to house about 13,000 athletes and officials from 161 nations for the biggest Olympics.

Shortlist best not picked for Olympics

Virginia Peters and Tilburg, who finished highest out of all the Olympic shortlisted riders at their final trial last month, have been left out of the Olympic dressage team for Seoul announced yesterday (Jenny MacArthur writes).

The team of four is headed by Jennie Loriston-Clarke, a veteran of three Olympic Games, who will ride Dutch Gold, a son of her former top horse, Dutch Courage and her partner in the 1986 World Championships and the 1987 European Championships.

Tricia Gardiner (Wily Imp) and Diana Mason (Prince Consort), who were also in last year's championship team have retained their places, Wily Imp having recovered from the leg injury which kept him out of the final trial.

BRITISH DRESSAGE TEAM: Dutch Gold (J Loriston-Clarke), Wily Imp (T Gardiner), Prince Consort (D Mason), Knet (B Hammond). Non-travelling reserve: Tilburg (V Peters).

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